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Wringers Carpet Sweepers Furniture

to 18 Summer street to be repaired.

Chas. Winters.

PROVEN!

Affidavit of S. B. Dibble Settles Conclusively Harry Hamer's Public Falsehood.

THE TRANSCRIPT today in defense of itself against the persistent denials of Harry R. Hamer, is compelled to continue in the unpleasant work of proving Mr. Hamer to be a person who has indulged in falsehood at a time when his political fortunes hung in the balance.

THE TRANSCRIPT has stated that Mr. Hamer signed a petition for a recount in the Cady-Magenis representative contest and Mr. Hamer publicly denied it and charged in its public charged this paper with lying. He has since repeated his denials and declared the signature on the petition a forgery.

His newspaper, the Evening Herald, has asked that the man circulating the petition and seeing the signature be found. THE TRANSCRIPT has accommodated Mr. Hamer and his paper by doing so, and today prints an affidavit by S. B. Dibble, one of the city's most prominent merchants and reputable men, who circulated the petition and received Mr. Hamer's signature.

Mr. Hamer grows more reckless in his statements now that election is over. He went up to the town office this morning and declared that the signature on the petition for a recount had been copied from his signature on his minority report dated November 18, 1897, wherein he accused Mr. James B. Hunter of unbusiness like methods.

This statement was made, although Mr. Brooker, the city clerk, told him that he was willing to testify under oath that that signature was on the petition in November, 1896.

Mr. Hamer afterwards went up to S. B. Dibble with his counsel, Lawyer Parker, on Main street, and said: "Did I sign that petition for a recount?"

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Dibble. "Where did I sign it?" said Mr. Hamer. "On my buggy seat while I was on Main street between Burlingame's store and State street," said Mr. Dibble.

How did Mr. Hamer pick Mr. Dibble out of 3500 voters as the man who circulated that petition? Did he recollect something?

It seems that Mr. Dibble was asked by friends of the late Henry A. Cady in November, 1896, to circulate a petition for a recount in the Magenis-Cady representative contest in the first ward and did so. What occurred in best related in the affidavit following:

HOWARD AS A PROPHET

Ex-Secretary of Fall River Spinners on the Outdown.

Says Mill Men Will Regret Lowering of Wages.

Slasher Tenders Must Sail in the Same Boat as Other Workers.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.—Secretary O'Donnell of the spinners has received a letter from Robert Howard, who expresses his regret that the operatives should have a reduction starting them in the face in mid-winter and his wish that they were in a position to make a successful stand against it. He scoffs at the suggestion that treasurers in mills which are making money should not be out, and asks why the operatives in such mills should be reduced. He states that he will not believe that a single treasurer has been reduced until he is assured by facts.

He closes with the prophecy that had trade will follow the Fall River manufacturers because there are too many pessimists among them, and bids the operatives to be of good cheer. From the tone of this letter it would appear as though the ex-secretary of the spinners was distinguished to act as an adviser in the premises. He has always been hostile to strikes, save as a last resort, and there are mill owners who say that the expression of regret at the operatives' condition is tact advice not to revolt at this juncture.

Can Make No Exception.
Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.—The manufacturers have answered the slasher tenders that no exceptions can be made in the reduction as follows: "We have carefully considered your position as regards the minimum price for slashing agreed upon in 1895, and must say that the manufacturers' committee understand the agreement to apply to the then existing schedule of prices. In view of the fact that all employees are to be reduced, we do not see how we can make any exception in your case at this time."

Secretary Jackson says that the agreement under which they have been working was entered into to prevent a strike.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire ss.
I, S. B. Dibble of North Adams, Mass., being duly sworn depose and say as follows:

At the solicitation of friends of Mr. Henry A. Cady, I circulated a petition in Ward 1 for a recount of the votes cast at the November election, 1896, in the so-called Cady-Magenis representative contest. The last signature obtained was that of Harry R. Hamer. I was driving on Main street, in this city, about opposite the Wilson, when I observed Mr. Hamer on the sidewalk. I hailed him, and he came to me. I presented him the petition and asked him if he would sign it. He replied "Yes sir." I gave him the petition; he took it into his hand, and took a pencil from his pocket, laid the petition on the seat of my wagon, and began to write his name Harry Hamer, leaving out the middle initial. I had been instructed to have persons sign their names in full and seeing that he was not putting in the middle initial called his attention to it; he then drew his pencil through his signature partially made, and below it, in my presence, while I was looking at him, signed his name "Harry R. Hamer." I have been this day to the office of the city clerk, and have seen the petition I circulated. That petition to the best of my knowledge and belief is in exactly the same condition as when it left my hands. The attempt to sign the name of Harry Hamer which was erased and the signature "Harry R. Hamer" were both made by Harry R. Hamer in my presence, as I have stated above. I have no doubt about it. The reason I asked him to sign was that previously and before the election Mr. Hamer had told me that he was in favor of Henry A. Cady and should vote for him.

S. B. DIBBLE.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of December, A. D., 1897.
C. T. PHELPS,
Justice of the Peace.

This evidence of S. B. Dibble's nails Mr. Hamer's statement about not signing the petition as an unmitigated falsehood, told to a thousand people in order to blacken the name of THE TRANSCRIPT, and elect himself mayor.

There is no evasion possible. Mr. Hamer closed his campaign of misstatements as he carried it on,—nearly his whole speech in Odd Fellows' hall Monday night was given to telling this lie and denouncing this paper.

THE TRANSCRIPT again asks the public to judge between it and Harry R. Hamer, and puts the question once more: "Did THE TRANSCRIPT or Mr. Hamer lie?"

We blush for him. He should now prove that he is the subject of chronic lapses of memory.

but now that it operates against the manufacturers it was not acceptable to them. His men are bitter in their talk of strike.

The labor leaders are somewhat divided in their opinion as to the method of carrying out a strike, although united in the matter of striking. A portion of them favor quitting work in but a part of the mills Jan. 3, the seven mills which they suggest being the Union, Sagamore, Border City, Shove, Durfee, Chase and American. These mills employ about 1500 operatives. Following this, the men favoring this plan of action propose a strike at all of the mills on the first of March. This plan is the one which appears to be most favored among the operatives, as they feel that it is their strongest move.

Although the manufacturers are not willing to talk, it is no secret that they are disturbed by the attitude of M. C. D. Borden, the New York millionaire, who controls the extensive plant of the Fall River Iron Works company and the American Printing company. He has been a thorn in their side ever since he began to provide cloth for his print works by manufacturing on his own hook. He was reported the other day as agreeing not only to the cut-down of 11 per cent, but as being willing to go further and make it 20 per cent. Operatives were skeptical on reading the alleged declaration, for it was so unlike Mr. Borden to be so complaisant toward his rivals. When the New Yorker discovered how he had been quoted he sent this message for publication in this city: "The New York papers of this date quote me as announcing my determination to abide by the recommendations of the manufacturers' committee. Such statement is wholly unauthorized, since I have made no announcement of my determination one way or the other." Ever since the receipt of that message everybody has been wondering what "Matt" Borden is going to do.

The Maine Grange.
Augusta, Me., Dec. 23.—Only two of the old list of officers of the grange, the secretary and the treasurer, were re-elected. Following are the officers elected for the next two years: Master, O. Gardner, Rockland; overseer, L. S. Adams, Bowdoin; lecturer, Elijah Cook, Yassaboro; steward, S. B. Corri, Dover; assistant steward, S. C. Thompson, Winterport; chaplain, S. F. Emerson, Skowhegan; treasurer, R. H. Hunt, Belmont; secretary, R. H. Libby, Auburn; gatekeeper, L. E. Tuttle, Caribou; Ceres, Mrs. O. Gardner, Rockland; Pomona, Mrs. L. S. Adams, Bowdoin; Flora, Mrs. S. F. Emerson, Skowhegan; lady assistant steward, Mrs. S. C. Thompson, Winterport.

BY TELEGRAPH.

A BERKSHIRE HORROR.

A Man Shot Down and His As-sailant Then Attempts Suicide.
One Died This Morning.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 23.—Berkshire county is once more the scene of a terrible and bloody deed, that has shocked a whole community.

The crime was committed last night in New Marlborough and the victim died this morning after a night of horrible suffering.

A man named John Haskell is the victim, who was a visitor at the Curtis family in New Marlborough, Frank Curtis being his particular friend.

Last evening Haskell and the Curtis family visited the Beller family, and Otis Beller went to the Curtis home to attend to the fires. Haskell returned in advance of the rest of the people and after knock-

ing repeatedly opened the door and walked in.

No sooner had Haskell entered the house than young Beller, only 14 years old, picked up a gun and shot Beller in the abdomen. Haskell fell bleeding to the floor.

The boy Beller then attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat but did not succeed. The Curtis family arrived almost immediately to find the horrible scene presented, both the men being covered with blood.

Beller, the assailant, is the son of a Brooklyn, N. Y., ice dealer, and for some time he has acted moody and strange, and has been afflicted with St. Vitus dance. It is probable that he is mentally unbalanced.

MAYFLOWER'S PARTY.

Statesmen of Two Sections Speak on Forefathers' Day.

Bay State Governor on Conscience of Puritans.

Senator on New England as a Factor in National Politics.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Governor Roger Wolcott of Massachusetts was the guest at the dinner of the New England society last night in honor of forefathers' day. In his address the governor began by giving to the assemblage the greetings of New England and said: "The story of New England is not traced back as that of other lands, to the dim twilight and barbaric legends of a prehistoric age, but has as definite a beginning as the day that marks the birth of an individual. It is this birthday of New England that we celebrate, a day which has been well described as one of the great red letter days in the history of the human race, for that feeble company that landed in Plymouth bay two and three-quarters centuries ago, little noteworthy in numbers, or in possessions or in resources, bore with them the ideals of religious liberty, popular government and popular education, and for this reason the march of their firm and steady tread has come reverberating down the centuries like the tramp of an army with banners."

In conclusion Governor Wolcott said: "It is a poor and careless optimism which would close its eyes to evils in our body politic and in society which those sturdy men of the earlier time would have cut out, though the surgery might be grim and pitiless. It is a weak and impotent cynicism which had no place in their conception of public duty, which, seeing these evils, would succumb to their dominance in indifference and despair. As in the past so in the future may the republic never lack in its sons something of the indomitable spirit of the puritan, his fidelity to conscience and to duty, his faith in God and in man, his stern righteousness and downright honesty, for of such qualities are made up brave men and good loyal citizens."

Celebration at New York.
New York, Dec. 23.—Senator Wolcott was one of the speakers at the festival of the New England society last night. All of New England was represented at the gathering. Senator Wolcott said in part: "The value of New England as a factor of our national greatness has long been universally recognized and admitted even in Boston, and it would seem as if there could be no new illustration of the fact. Within the past few weeks, however, I have been made to realize her potency as a source of possible national aggrandizement. A gentleman, English I believe by birth, but of extensive Canadian experience and associations and of importance in the Canadian world, talked to me lately and made a remarkable suggestion. He said that while it may be premature now to discuss the subject, he had no doubt that an agreement would be eventually reached whereby a return for a large and valuable tract of rich territory adjacent to our far northwestern states we would give Canada for her needed seaport facilities and approaches the state of Maine and possibly a slice of northern New Hampshire and Vermont."

"While the proposition was at first a trifle startling, yet it took but a moment to realize the chastening influence, perhaps not wholly unneeded, which such a transaction might exert upon the 'down east' section of our country. It would secure, automatically, the very reciprocity the new tariff act contemplated, for it would give Canada at least the Dingley features of the Dingley bill, and it was also a sure thing that if Canada took those Maine Yankees, to say nothing of a few more from New Hampshire, she would be glad enough to give them back again in a little while, with something handsome to boot."

"As one came to think of it seriously, however, there arose that feeling which we all cherish of equal appreciation and devotion to every inch of American soil, a realization of what it would mean to this people to face the possibility of changing the shadow of a hair the contour of these states, or the sacrifice of a chip of their native granite, however barren. Not only does this sentiment pervade the land, but we seem at times

to be developing an inclination to invite some other country to differ with us in order that we may demonstrate our united aggressiveness."

The senator then made a plea for greater tolerance of opinion, paid a tribute to the people of the west and said that the universal feeling which pervaded the west could not be all wrong. The senator was followed by Senator Hoar, who spoke on the return of the Bradford manuscript through the effort of Mr. Bayard.

GAGE TO COMPEERS.

Denunciation of the Financier Bill Calls Out a Sharp Letter.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Gage has written the following letter to President Gompers of the Federation of Labor: "I have read with care the resolutions adopted on the 20th inst. at Nashville by the convention of the Federation of Labor, which recite as follows: 'Resolved, that we declare ourselves most positively opposed to the Gage financial bill recently introduced in congress by the secretary of the treasury. It is a measure that, if adopted as a law, will only the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form.'"

"Resolved, that we pronounce the Gage bill an undignified effort to retrieve our greenback currency and all government paper money with a view to the substitution of national bank notes in their stead, and thus fasten the bank system for years upon the American people."

"Now, if it be true that the gold standard—by which things have been measured as to price for the last 80 years in this country—is inimical to the interests of the laboring classes of the United States, then I think it is inimical to all classes. In other words, I do not believe that the exploitation of one class by another, either through false weights or a bad monetary system, can be made to work for the permanent benefit of the exploiting class itself, or for the general weal, even were it defensible on any ground of right or justice, which it is not. Granted therefore that the permanence of the gold standard (for which I argue) operates in this evil direction, then your resolutions of condemnation are well founded, and I am justly charged with an ignorance which constitutes me a foolish adviser, or with a pervasivity of motive which makes me an evil adviser. I have a right to discover the cause of poverty or evil purpose, since there is nothing in my whole life as related to my fellow man, either in word or deed, from which the possession by me of such characteristics can be inferred, much less demonstrated."

"But ignorance often unconsciously works as deep injury as evil intent might do, and to this sin of ignorance (if it be a sin) I must confess myself to be a possible victim. This confession, however, ought not to classify me as separate from my fellow men generally, whether they be considered as individual units or as congregated groups. Ignorance is a relative, not an absolute term, since few are totally ignorant and none absolutely wise. Nor does the number constituting the group change this fact, since the wisdom of a group, however large, cannot be greater than that of the wisest man in it. This remains true whether the subject matter involving knowledge and judgment be physics or finance. The condemnation then involved in the resolutions referred to is measured by the just or imperfect apprehension of questions relating to monetary science held by the wisest men who supported them."

"Laying these general considerations aside, let me say to you and through you to the great body you so honorably represent that if, instead of denunciatory resolutions, which are argument, you or any one on your behalf will show that the views that I entertain and advocate are other than salutary to the economic body of which we are all independent members I will abandon them without hesitation. My present conviction, the honest fruit of sincere study and reflection, is that break-down in our present monetary standard would be a most disastrous blow to all our commercial and industrial interests, and that upon the wage workers, as a class, would be entailed the most serious effects of the disaster. Believing this I am just so hear witness."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Warmer.
Unsettled, probably light snow Thursday morning followed by clearing warmer Thursday morning.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

Makes fast these last days. The buying becomes more general throughout the store, and all are in a good natured hurry to secure the right thing at the proper prices. There's no place where more is done for the convenience of shoppers than Cutting Corner. That they appreciate it is evidenced by the throngs visiting our store daily.

Clothing

Is the one subject to the front this year as never before, and parents are not only buying practical gifts, but wearable gifts. The best Cutting-made clothing has no equal in quality, fit or price. Men's Overcoats and Suits \$5 to 25, best buying at \$7.50, 10 and 15. Ulsters \$5 to 15, best buying \$7.50 and 10. Reefers \$4 to 10, best buying at \$6.50 and 8. Old trousseaus from suits at about half price. Canvas Coats for work \$1.50 to 3.50, best value \$2.50.

Every Day Brings Its Bargains.

To keep in touch with our mammoth stock you should read the daily papers, for each day brings its bargains, and just at Xmas time means a saving for many.

Breakfast Coats and Lounging Robes \$3.50 to 10.
Men's and Boys' Winter Caps 25c to \$1.
Wristers and Cashmere Mittens 25c, 35c and 50c.
Gloves lined and unlined, cloth, Scotch Knit and Kid 25c to \$2.
Mufflers in Cashmere and Silk, 25c to \$2.
Fancy Silk Vests \$2.50 to 5.
Men's Mackintoshes \$4 to 10.

Today.

New Neckwear 25c and 50c.
New invoice Silk Umbrellas \$1, 1.50, 2.50 and 3.
Dress Suit Cases today \$5.50 and 6.50.
Ladies' valises in new designs \$3 to 5.
Ladies' Purses \$1.50, 2 and 2.50.
New Initial Handkerchiefs 15c and 25c.
New Embroidered Suspenders.
New Scarf Pins and Link Buttons.
New Sweaters for men and boys \$1 to 3.50.

There's a Price Surprise in These Values.

C. H. Cutting & Co.

Wholesale Retailers, Cutting Corner.



Christmas DINNER!

Will be an event in every home this year, and every house-keeper will endeavor to make it a success. We will help you do this easily, as our stock is complete. Strictly fresh eggs, which you can boil or fry, the best spices and herbs, choicest butter, home-made mince meats, meats of all kinds, sage, plum, Neufchatel, Edam, pine apple and club house cheese, olives in bulk and bottles, Capers, salad dressing, olive oil, raisins of all kinds, California, Florida and Jamaica oranges, very fine malaga grapes, bananas, fine eating apples, fresh cream and the finest line of candies in this city.

Remember: We are the only people who are selling out chocolate candy, 8 flavors, for 25c per pound.

M. V. N. BRAMAN,
12 State Street.

What Shall the Present Be?

Of whom are you thinking? Father, mother, sister or brother? There's not a one of them but would be more than tickled with a pair of fine SLIPPERS from our stock. Genuine Alligator \$2, Bottle-Green Dongola, lined with white kid, \$1.50. Big line of other grades 50c. to \$1.25.

J. T. MULCARE,
Sole Agent for W. L. Douglas Shoes.

Common Sense and Fashion

Go hand in hand in Shoes this season. Broad toes and soles are all the go. We have a Ladies' Heavy Dongola Shoe, lace and button, with kid and patent tips and heavy extension sole—just the thing for weather like this—\$2, \$2.50 and \$3 a pair. Goodyear "Glove" and Boston Rubbers.

Murdock's Shoe Store, 7 Eagle St.

AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Found Some of the Money—A Pleasing Entertainment at the White Oaks Chapel—A Woman's Ankle Badly Broken—A Strange Visitor.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

There was a very pleasant entertainment Tuesday evening at the White Oaks chapel under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. The talent was all local with the exception of Walter H. Reed of Providence, R. I. Mr. Reed is a traveling salesman for the Boss Cracker company of New London, Conn., and an intimate friend of Dr. Lloyd, with whom he had been stopping for a day or two. He treated the audience to some exceedingly clever exhibition of parlor legged man and astonished old and young by performing many seeming impossibilities before their eyes, occupying over an hour with his part of the program. Many in the audience had never seen anything of the kind before and they were greatly pleased and mystified. Other interesting features were a reading, "How Tom's Dream was Answered," by Rev. G. V. Stryker, a dramatic drill by 16 young ladies in red, white and blue, piano and organ selections by Mrs. George Parmenter of Riverside, and vocal and instrumental music by C. L. Bryant and Elmer Morehouse of this village, who won great applause by their singing and playing on the banjo, mandolin, guitar and tin whistle. Mr. Morehouse played an original banjo selection which proved very popular, as did also Mr. Bryant's work. Readings were given by Mrs. Stryker and Miss Cora Goodell, and the program from beginning to end was one of constant interest. Mr. Reed did some song and banjo work in addition to his sleight-of-hand performance and gave an imitation of a German band that brought down the house. Applause and encores greeted every effort and the entertainment will be long and pleasantly remembered. Cake and coffee were served and the net receipts amounted to nearly \$10.

Found Some of the Money.

The charred frame of the depot was pulled down Wednesday and most of the material was hauled down the bank toward the river and burned in a huge bonfire which was kept going till night. Those who wanted any of the stuff for fuel were welcome to it and some was taken away. From the ruins there was taken the money drawer, which was not entirely burned, and in this was found about \$50 in bills, check and coin. The bills were badly burned, but enough was saved so they can be redeemed. The coin was badly blackened, but was not melted. Agent Houghton was highly gratified to recover even this much from the ruins. The clearing away of the debris was done under the direction of E. L. Granger.

Her Ankle Badly Broken.

Mrs. Lavern Estes of Mason hill met with a very bad accident Saturday night. She had been to the house of Tice Niles, a neighbor, and was returning home at

about 9 o'clock when she stepped on a rolling stone and her ankle was broken. She was taken home and Dr. Niles of Pownal was called. He found the break a very bad one, the ankle bone being fractured, and the ligaments severely injured. The accident will disable Mrs. Estes for three months or more.

A Strange Visitor.

A strange visitor for this season of the year was seen in town Wednesday. It was a robin in a tree on Main street, and it chirped as cheerfully as though it were the opening of spring instead of the beginning of winter. But "The north wind will blow While deep is the snow, And what will poor robin do then? poor thing."

Mrs. John Leonard of Philadelphia, formerly of Blackinton and well known in this town, is dangerously ill and not expected to recover. Her brother, Lorenzo Estes of Blackinton, has gone to see her.

A young bulldog owned by R. K. Allison was down to the depot crossing with his master Wednesday and was not quite so afraid of the cars as he ought to have been. He ran in front of a freight train and was struck by the engine, which sent him whirling for some distance, but he was not hurt and as soon as he struck the ground he wanted to run under the train to his master, who was on the opposite side of the track, but by the free use of his voice, supplemented with a volley of cobbles, Mr. Allison dissuaded him until the train had passed. The dog seemed to enjoy the experience and will probably be looking for more.

Mrs. Charles Foote of Pasadena, California, who spent the summer in the East, is now visiting her brother, C. S. Cole, in this town. She will start for home Friday, stopping on the way to visit a sister in Syracuse, N. Y., and another at Lake Forest, Ill.

Harvey P. Cole is assisting Treasurer Smith in the savings bank. James Hosmer, who was called from Hinsdale to take charge of the college treasurer's office during the illness of Mr. Cole, returned to his home a few days ago.

Six men turned out to the chopping bee held Tuesday for the benefit of the White Oaks chapel.

The operetta, "Santa Claus' Surprise Party," will be given in the Williamstown opera house Christmas evening by a large chorus under the direction of J. W. Lawrence. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

"We have just received a new supply of extra fine quality of hay. Call, write or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and wood office."

A Tour for the Christmas Holidays.

Personally conducted nine-day tour, visiting Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Philadelphia and New York, will leave Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Five days are spent at the National Capital at the best hotels, and \$27 covers every expense. Other tours in January, February, March, April and May. For itinerary, call on or address A. J. Simmons, N. A., 212 Washington street, Boston.

English "As She Is Writ." Foreign manufacturers, when shipping fragile goods, pottery, bric-a-brac and the like, enclose a printed notice to buyers to see that care is exercised in unpacking the goods. "The following 'caution notice' appeared in a cask received from Berlin a few days ago. It is a very good example of English 'as she is writ' in Germany: 'Vorsicht.—It is pray to treat cautiously with the open of the pack; particularly take out if you please with the greatest Vorsicht the packing (hay, straw, wool of wood), but you will not take out with violence the pence, because the embaling. The bottom you must not take the pence, out of the chest, before to remove the embaling. We have take the greatest care of the embaling and we cannot give compensation for fractures.' The factory from which this fine example of English comes has a large American trade.—New York Commercial.

Delicious Lamb Roast.

A delicious roast of lamb is secured by parboiling a carefully selected leg with five or six onions in the water. When it is put into the oven, the onions, which are, of course, by this time well boiled, are scattered over it. One might fear that the dish would be disagreeably permeated with onion, but it is not. Rather there is obtained a fine, delicate suggestion of the vegetable, mingled with the native flavor, now quite devoid of any suggestion of wooliness.—New York Post.

A Record.

"There's a man in town who owns a clock he has wound every night for 83 years." "That's nothing. We have a clock that my husband has forgot to wind every night for 40 years."—Chicago Record.

Disatisfied.

"Is young Hopley much of a lawyer?" "No, he isn't any good at all. I employed him in a case a short time ago, and he didn't say a thing to the counsel for the other side that a gentleman could object to."—Chicago News.

According to Dr. W. J. Beal, the native grasses of North America number about 1,275 species, included in about 140 genera, while in Europe there are only 47 genera and 570 species.

Harvey P. Cole is assisting Treasurer Smith in the savings bank.

Christmas Novelties!

Buy your Christmas Gifts of Jewelry and Bric-a-Brac where you can get a Cash Reduction.

WITH EVERY EVEN DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GOOD BOUGHT AT THIS STORE WE WILL HAND YOU TEN CENTS IN CASH. There is no deception about it. We do not have to raise prices in order to divide profits with a gift enterprise. Prices remain unchanged and are invariably marked in plain figures. Just glance over this list of Holiday Articles at prices from 25c to \$5—

Silver-backed Brushes and Combs, Silver-mounted Tooth Brushes and Brush Brooms.

Nail Files, Glove and Button Hooks, Manicure Sets, Desk Sets, Bookmarks, Paper Cutters,

Hat Pins, Stick Pins, Clocks of every kind, Cold Cream Jars, "Tunnel" Souvenir Spoons—

And a hundred other novelties to make eyes glisten on Christmas morning. All Sterling Silver warranted 925-1000ths fine. The famous Rogers' table silver—knives, forks, spoons, napkin rings, etc. And remember—

Over 2000 Finger Rings in Stock! All Sizes. All Prices.

L. M. Barnes,

The Jeweler and Optician. Wilson House Block.

P. J. BOLAND'S.

What Shall I Give Him?

Sav you. Once inside our store, you needn't ask the question twice. Shut your eyes and pick at random. You'll get something he will appreciate.

Umbrellas, close rollers, with natural wood handles.

Canes in great variety, plain and silver mounted.

Smoking Jackets in a variety of materials and colors.

Bath Robes, Turkish and Lambswool.

Dress Suit Cases, Alligator, Russet and Cream colors.

Silk Handkerchiefs of Japanese or Pongee.

Linen Handkerchiefs of the finest Irish linen.

Neck scarfs, flowing ends, four-in-hands, tecks and puffs.

Suspenders, web and silk.

Gloves for walking or driving.

Full Dress Shields, silk and quilted satin.

Cuff Buttons, gold, silver and enamelled.

Scarf Pins, many novel designs.

Besides collars and cuffs, shirts, night robes, pajamas and everything pertaining to gentlemen's wear. And coming from here, they are sure to be highest grade and correct in style.

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I am still alive, after being SHUT IN for so long a time, and have on hand a large stock of the best goods in the market.

Also a "Job Lot" of 50 barrels of Flour that I shall give to the first 50 customers for \$5.75 per barrel. Remember, it is no price for a No. 1 Flour, but it has got to be got into cash. ALL OLD WHEAT. Order at once, for it will soon be gone.

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Corner Main and Marshall.

F. E. BENSON, Prop.

SAMUEL CULLY & CO.

84 to 88 Main Street.



Children's Story Picture Books.

We are offering the largest and most complete assortment of children's picture books ever shown in North Adams.

Prices from 5c to 50c each.

Toys for the Children.

Printing Presses, Tops, Drums, Hook and ladder, Fire engines, Hose wagons, Drums, Games, And hundreds of other playthings to make the children happy.

Handkerchiefs.

See our window display of handkerchiefs, and do not fail to see the immense display of handkerchiefs at our handkerchief counter.

We have made big preparations for the greatest handkerchief business that we have ever had.

We offer 3,000 dozen of handkerchiefs from which you may make your selections.

200 dozen ladies' hemstitched and printed handkerchiefs, special value, 5c to 33c.

At 5c each,

Ladies'

hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 20 and 25c.

Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs, the most we have ever shown at special prices for the holiday trade, 5c to 33c.

Embroidered handkerchiefs, trimmed with lace footings, special values, 37 1-2c to \$1.75.

Lace trimmed handkerchiefs, 10c to \$1.50. Immense assortment.

Real Duchess and Point Lace handkerchiefs, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2,

2.50, 3, 3.50, 3.75, 4, 4.50, 5, 6.50 and 7.50.

Ladies' initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2 to 25c each.

100 dozen ladies' pure linen, hand-drawn handkerchiefs, at 12 1-2 each.

Men's hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 17, 19, 20, 25, 37 1-2 and 50c.

Men's initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2, 15, 25 and 50c.

Kid Gloves.

What is a more acceptable gift than a pair of kid gloves?

Christmas ...Presents

From our immense stock of goods you may select some suitable Christmas Gifts.

We have just received about \$2000 worth of kid gloves of our Christmas trade. We are showing the latest novelties in all colors and styles.

Some extra good values at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Kid gloves, silk lined, regular price \$2.50, we offer them \$2.00 a pair.

Men's Furnishings.

25 dozen men's neckties, four-in-hands, tecks, string and bow ties, choice 25c each.

A choice assortment of tecks, puffs and four-in-hands, bought especially for our Christmas trade, 50c,

Ladies White Aprons.

Aprons at 19c.

" 25c.

" 39c.

" 50c.

" 75c.

" \$1.00.

" 1.25.

" 1.50.

We have purchased an unusually large and attractive stock of fancy china dishes, vases, cups and saucers and fancy glass vases, which we shall offer at reasonable prices.

Christmas Linens.

10 dozen fine satin damask towels, fine drawn work, extra heavy knotted fringe, special holiday offering at 75c each.

25 dozen fine damask towels, drawn work and heavy knotted fringe, great value at 50c each.

Fine satin damask towels 75c each.

" " 89c. "

" " 1.00 "

" " 1.25 "

" " 1.50 "

Sheets and Pillow Cases

8-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 45c.

9-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 50c.

10-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 60c.

42x38 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 11 1-2c.

45x38 1-2 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 12 1-2c.

Our special hem-stitched pillow cases, size 42x36 at 12 1-2c., size 45x38 1-2 at 15c.

Sterling Silver Novelties

Lowest prices.

Shopping Bags,

We are offering some good values in Boston bags at lowest prices, \$1.00 to 3.75.

Night Gowns.

10 dozen ladies' night gowns, handsomely trimmed with fine embroidery and insertion, three different styles, regular price is \$1.25, holiday price only

\$1.00.

15 dozen ladies' night gowns, fine muslin, V neck of insertion, wide ruffle of fine embroidery over shoulders, a very dainty gown, price only

\$1.25.

20 dozen ladies' empire night gowns trimmed with handsome embroideries and insertion, regular price \$1.75, holiday price only

\$1.50.

Ladies' Dressing Jackets

100 ladies' elder-down dressing jackets, colors pink, blue, red and gray, size \$32 to 42, price

\$1.25.

Special values in elder-down dressing jackets, \$1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Gutting Flannel Night Robes.

We have purchased especially for our holiday trade a large stock of outing flannel night robes, prices 69, 75, 85c, \$1.25 and 1.50.

Fur Collarettes.

Some handsome fur collarettes, suitable for Christmas gifts.

Fancy Collars.

We have a splendid assortment of fancy lace and chiffon collars, ruffles and fancy fronts.

Pompadour ruffles, Pompadour collars.

75 children's reafers, sizes 4 to 12 years, regular prices \$6.50 to 8.00 choice for 5-00.

Misses' jackets, special value, sizes 14 and 16 years.

Blankets.

75 all wool 11-4 blankets, regular price \$7.00, extra good value for the holidays \$5.50 a pair.

5 extra large size 13-4 fine all wool blankets. For our Christmas trade we shall offer them at \$15.00 a pair.

Blankets and Comfortables range in price from 50c. to \$15.00.

We have just received some new and dainty styles especially for the holiday trade.

Cloak Department.

Immense Reductions for the Holidays.

In order to greatly stimulate business in our cloak department and to sell as many garments as possible before Christmas, we have decided that instead of waiting until after January 1st to make big reductions on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks.

200 Ladies' Jackets at Less Than Cost.

One lot of about 75 Jackets, rough and smooth cloths, colors tan, blue, green, brown and black, regular price is \$15.00.

Special Value at \$9.

8 finest quality kersey cloth jackets, handsomely lined with heavy silk, regular price \$25.

Special Value at \$15.

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North Adams, Mass.

AT ADAMS.

Words of Praise.

Speaking of Fr. Henry G. Coyne of Clinton, brother of Rev. M. J. Coyne of this town, who was ordained Saturday at Montreal, to the priesthood, the Worcester telegram says: "Henry G. Coyne is well known to Clinton people, especially to young men. He was always popular and from his infancy the principles of his religion were instilled into his heart and his one object in life was to be a priest. With this end in view he worked hard, and after a course in the Clinton schools went to work in the Lancaster mills that he might earn money to enable him to pursue his studies. During this time he had the reputation of being honest and trustworthy and his fellow employees gave him many tokens of friendship when he left to take up a course of studies under the Jesuit fathers at Boston college. He had not neglected his studies during the time he was working, and his intellect and disposition won him many friends in the college. He ranked high in his class and has many medals which he cherishes because they show his reward. He graduated from Boston college in '93 and won nearly all the first prizes in his class. He entered the grand seminary and kept up his high standard of scholarship and will enter his new duties acknowledged to be one of the most learned young men ever ordained from the seminary." He will say his first mass in St. Thomas church Christmas morning at 11 o'clock when his parents and relatives will be present.

Notre Dame Church.

There will be masses at 8.30, 9.30 and 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Rev. Fr. Fredette will celebrate his first mass at the latter hour. He will be celebrant with Rev. L. O. Trigante, deacon, and Rev. L. L. Gobeil, sub-deacon. Following is the musical program for the solemn high mass and vespers:

Kyrie,	Emersons
Gloria,	Emersons
Offertoire—Lectentur Cell,	J. Wiegand
Credo,	Lambillotte
Santus,	Emersons
Agnes Dei,	Emersons

Vespers at 7 p. m.

Dixit,	Stearns
Confitebor,	Fiske
Beatus,	Stearns
Laudate Paerl,	Roswig
Laudate Dominum.	Stearns
Magnificat,	Mozart
Benediction of the Holy Sacrament,	Winner
Alma,	J. Wiegand
Lectentur Cell,	Novello
Adagio Fideles,	Pesch
Tantum Ago,	

A Pretty Home Wedding.

A pretty home wedding was that celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Avery on the West road Wednesday evening, when their daughter, Miss Rosalie, was united in marriage to Lambert Johnson of Cheshire. Scott Hildreth of this town was best man and Miss Lila Avery, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The wedding was performed by Rev. H. B. Foskett. The house was prettily decorated with evergreens. The bride was attired in a handsome wedding gown. About 50 friends of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony a reception was held and the young couple were the recipients of many useful presents. They left on a short wedding tour and on their return will reside at the groom's home in Cheshire.

Better Kept His Hands Off.

F. E. Mole has in his show window on Center street a fine display of pipes. Among them is a merschaum purchased a year ago by Mrs. Martin Dwyer for her husband. Mr. Dwyer took great pains in coloring it and persons who saw it say it is one of the handsomest ever seen. The owner a few days ago refused an offer of \$25 for it. A white merschaum pipe like Mr. Dwyer's when purchased was also placed in the window to show the colored and uncolored. A good many people noticed the pipes and among them was a reporter. Not content with looking at them he took up both pipes and was "Heralding" the news of their good qualities to a customer in the store when he let the uncolored pipe fall to the floor and it was broken. Enough tears fell from his eyes to submerge a "field" and the energetic young man vows he will keep his hands off hereafter.

Baptist Church.

The musical program at the Baptist church Sunday will be as follows:

MORNING.
Christmas Hymn—"O Come All Ye faithful," Novello
Quartet and Chorus.
Anthem—"Sing Unto the Lord," Buchenstein
"One Sweetly Solemn Thought," Quartet.
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds," Vincent
EVENING.
Christmas Hymn—"O Come All Ye faithful," Novello
Quartet and Chorus.
Anthem—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Schuecker
"Abide With Me," Quartet, Ladies Voices.
Tenor Solo—"Cantique de Noel," Adam

How to Beautify Lawns.

Quite a number of the owners of prominent residences in town have had their front yards fitted up in quite a becoming manner for the holidays. They have caught hold of the idea of planting small evergreen trees about the lawn. All necessary to produce a good appearance is to make a small hole in the lawn with a crowbar and then stick the butt ends of the trees in them. It makes one think they are growing and the green branches make a striking contrast with the snow.

Decision Reserved.

The civil case of Mary Hasenfelder of North Adams vs. Joseph Gritzback of this town was tried at the district court in North Adams Wednesday. Mrs. Hasenfelder sued to recover a horse and money which she gave the defendant in a horse trade some time ago. Lawyer H. L. Harrington of the town defended Mr. Gritzback and Lawyer Woodhead of North

Adams represented the plaintiff. Judge Phelps reserved his decision until Friday

Whitney-Wells.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard at Zyl-onite when Miss Mary L. Wells was united in marriage to Herman G. Whitney by Rev. H. M. Boyce. Only a few relatives and friends of the couple were present. A reception was held and the couple boarded a late train from North Adams for a wedding trip.

Assembly Club Dance.

The Assembly club is arranging for another of their private hops to be held probably next Wednesday evening in Armory hall. Like the former dances held it will be attended by prominent young people from Williamstown, North Adams and this town. Palmer's full orchestra will furnish music and Caterer Hammond will serve refreshments.

Daniel Smith was much pleased Wednesday afternoon when he recovered his lost bull pup. The animal was on Center street when the owner espied him and at once took him to his home.

Harris Richmond is home from Harvard college for the holidays.

Miss Madge Anthony is home from Tufts college.

Miss Gertrude C. Richmond, Miss Etta Prairie and Miss Margaret Hughes have returned from Smith college, Northampton.

The skating at Hoosac Valley park is first-class. The company has purchased a new scraping machine and the pavilion is kept well heated and lighted.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christie of Myrtle street will spend Christmas with friends in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buffinton and daughter Mildred left this afternoon to spend Christmas with friends in Leominster.

Michael O'Donnell of Nashville, Tenn., visited friends here Wednesday.

Friends have learned from George Simmons of Holyoke that he will not be able to leave the hospital for several weeks yet, and will not be in town Christmas as was expected.

Mrs. James Bowen and daughter, Miss Marion, of Rutland, Vt., are the guests of Mrs. E. Bowen on Spring street.

Fred Simmons is home from Brown university for the holiday vacation. While home he will clerk in the Bay State clothing store.

Miss Susan Rickards of Blackinton was the guest of her cousin, Miss Edith Simmons, of Park street, Wednesday.

Miss Christine Sayles has returned from Tufts college to spend the holidays with her parents on Liberty street.

Misses Mollie Scanlon and Margaret Doulon of Pittsfield spent Wednesday visiting local friends.

Frank A. Richmond of Summer street has returned from Cornell university in Ithaca, N. Y., to spend Christmas at his home.

The upper grades of the grammar and the high schools will close Friday for the regular winter vacation.

Moses Greenough of Newark, N. J., has been spending a few weeks at his home on Summer street.

A LOCAL NEWS ITEM.

Picked Up on Liberty Street By Our Representative.

When newspapers had only the stage coach and sailing vehicles to depend upon to gather foreign news, when the telegraph, the telephone, the steam engine, steamboat and electric motor were not in existence, coffee houses and inns were regularly thronged by the loungers, and the public generally, who exchanged scraps of information brought to them by the post and who listened to the news read aloud to them by some habitue. The item that follows was picked up by our representative while strolling around North Adams and although the reader is not indebted to electricity or steam power for the information contained, it is just as interesting and decidedly more reliable. Read this:

Mrs. Carry Biggart of 10 Liberty street, says: "My physician told me years ago that my kidneys were diseased and ever since then I have been subject to attacks of backache, weariness and languor, weakness of the back, frequent desire to urinate and dizzy headaches. I was treated by the most skillful physicians and I tried everything I read about or was advised by friends to take. There was little accomplished until I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the drug store of Burlingame & Darby. When I procured them I had little faith in them doing me any good but I was greatly surprised for it did not take very many doses when I noticed first the urinary trouble leaving me. Soon the aches and pains disappeared. I am quite free of the whole trouble and can say that Doan's Kidney Pills did for me what no other doctor nor any medicine ever succeeded in accomplishing."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

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HOME DYEING MAYPOLE SOAP

A PLEASURE AT LAST.



WASHES AND DYES

AT ONE OPERATION

... ANY COLOR.

The Cleanest, Fastest Dye for Soiled or Faded Shirt Waists, Blouses, Ribbons, Curtains, Underlinen, etc., whether Silk, Satin, Cotton or Wool.

SOLD IN ALL COLORS EVERYWHERE.



Bibles, Prayer Books, Fountain Pens, Toilet Cases, Pocket Books, Elegant Paper Weights, Hair Brushes, Mirrors, Burn's Leather Goods, Thermometers, Pictures, Latest New Books.

D. A. ANDERSON,

75 Main Street.

The Ties of Friendship

Are of a lasting quality. Our HOLIDAY TIES are of this kind, and will prove a most useful gift. Puffs, Ascots, Four-in-Hands, Full Dress Shields, the finest silks and latest styles; Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mittens, Night Robes, Bath Robes, Dress Suit Cases, Umbrellas, Sweaters, Caps, etc., at lowest prices.

MILLER & CO.,

Exclusive Hatters and Furnishers, in St., No. Adams.

For Christmas

You will find Dolls, Toys, Sleds, Drums, Carts, Velocipedes, Games, Blocks and Children's Books in endless variety here. Also Celluloid Goods, Pocketbooks, Purses and Fancy Stationer at

F. E. Gurney's,

59 Main Street.

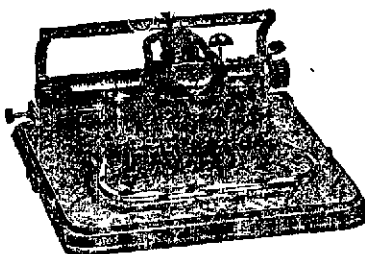
The Grocers of North Adams

Have formed an association to be known as the North Adams Protective Association. The main object of this society is to protect its members from dishonest people who go about from store to store, getting trusted and then leaving unpaid balances, as is shown on the "Black List," where the same names appear on about every individual grocer's List of Delinquents yet brought to the notice of the Association. A director containing such names will be left in each store.

Discount cards will be issued to all good customers and on presentation of the same at the different stores, a discount will be allowed, ranging from 5 to 15 per cent on all cash purchases. The names of the merchants allowing such discount will be printed on the back of each card.

The following are the lines of trade represented: Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Housefurnishing Goods, Meats, Coal, etc.

THE NORTH ADAMS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.



We don't ask you to come to us. We'll go to you. Call up 243 or get word to us one way, that you want to see that

\$35 Typewriter.

We don't ask you to buy it till you've tried it. The Blickensderfer is a wonder.

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A \$20,000 STOCK

Notice!

I have decided to discontinue the Ready-made Department of my business and to conduct a first-class Gentlemen's Furnishing and Tailoring Business. On Friday, Dec. 10, we began to close out this department and will offer all ready-made garments without reserve at prices that will move this stock at the earliest possible moment. No trading stamps will be given on Ready-made Clothing during this Clearance Out Sale.

Chas E Legate,

Park Street, Adams.

One of the best selected stocks, from the best manufacturers, ever shown.

Price will not keep any garment from selling.

Nothing reserved.

Call and you take something away with you.

Here's an Opportunity!

Ashland Street Lot,

52 feet on the street, 93 feet on the Boston & Albany railroad. 150 feet deep. Right price. Right terms.

Harvey A. Gallup,

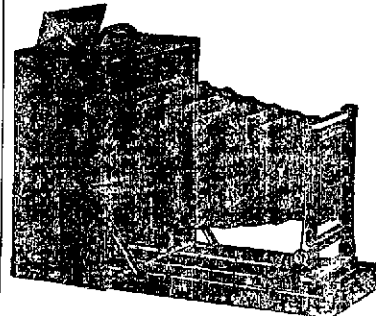
BOLAND BLOCK, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

Every description of Insurance.

CHRISTMAS AT FOUNTAIN'S!

The store is filled with gift goods. Nowhere else in the city will you find such an assortment.

Dolls,	Transparent	Work Boxes,	Photo Albums,
Toys,	Slates,	Tov Banks,	Match Safes,
Pocketbooks,	Pillow Dex,	Lap Tablets,	Paper Knives,
Christmas cards,	Paints,	Masks,	Juvenile Books,
Calendars,	Scrap Books,	Ink Stands,	Society
Games,	Toilet Cases,	Box Papers,	Stationery,
	Willow Baskets.		



KODAKS Put a Kodak on your Christmas list. We have them \$5 to \$25. The latest is the Falcon. A few more Hawkeyes \$6.37. A full line of Kodaks.

F. G. FOUNTAIN,

BANK STREET,

NORTH ADAMS.

BUSINESS IS GOOD!

and the people are crowding into our store and quickly picking up the many good bargains. To make Christmas happy for some fortunate buyer, we shall offer each day this week, from our large line,

One Sideboard at Cost!

To-Day's Offer

is an elegant quartered oak sideboard, finely polished, with cast brass trimmings, and the French plate mirrors. Many would call it cheap at \$35.

Price To-Day \$25.

No misrepresentation in regard to our stock as we believe "Honesty is the best policy."

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the seal of the city of North Adams.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 23, '97.

Advertisers in THE TRANSCRIPT are the best business men in this community. Their advertisements are worth reading, and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

WAR POSSIBILITIES.

The student of European politics is watching with interest the assembling of Russian, German, and English forces along China's coast. Seemingly a new deal of far-reaching importance is at hand,—one of the great acts of history, perhaps. The possibility of war is present, for already there are clashing interests.

The Russian occupation of Port Arthur, which has been effected with the free consent of China, is nominally only temporary. The extreme probability is that Russia is at Port Arthur to stay. She needs for the outlet of her trans-Siberian railway on the Pacific a port which is open at all seasons of the year. This condition exists at Port Arthur. It does not exist at Vladivostok. Already a line of railway is in course of construction through Manchuria which will connect the trans-Siberian railroad with Port Arthur. China feels friendly toward Russia for the intervention which prevented the overrunning of China by the Japanese. Japan captured Port Arthur with dreadful slaughter, but did not dare to hold it against the wishes of the Russian bear. It is evident that China, in her condition of governmental decay, is on the verge of innovations that are likely to break up the social stagnation in which she has lived for centuries. Railways and the telegraph, and European exploitation will work rapid changes.

Germany now has a foothold on the Chinese coast, and England is seeking new possessions there. Russia is growing bolder against England, and China is contemplating war with Germany. The complications are pregnant with the possibilities of war and the division of China.

ANOTHER TRUST PRICE TO GO DOWN.

High-price type writing machines are soon to go. The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says in regard to this rumor:

It has been announced by a former agent of the Trust that the average \$100 machine actually costs \$15, and that next year these machines will be retailed by dealers at \$50 each, a saving of 50 per cent. to purchasers, which is likely to bring typewriting machines into more general use in business establishments all over the world.

A reduction in the price of typewriters has been expected for a number of years, but the combination of the manufacturers has prevented what would have happened four years ago had business conditions been permitted to operate in a natural manner. Thousands of persons are undoubtedly waiting for the promised cut in price, and a brisk trade will immediately follow the announcement of a \$50 rate.

About a year ago a heavy reduction in the price of bicycles was predicted, owing to the growing demand for a first class wheel that would be consistent with the popularity and utilitarian character of the bicycle. The prediction has been verified in the case of the bicycle, and the introduction of the new chainless wheels is all that saves the manufacturers of what are popularly classed as standard wheels from a heavy reduction in their prices.

The typewriter trust admits that a lower price is contemplated.

A PITTSFIELD VIEW OF THIS CITY'S ELECTION.

[From the Pittsfield Eagle.]

The general opinion of the conservative part of North Adams' population seems to have been during the late municipal campaign, that the best interests of the city would be better served in the hands of Mr. Cady, who won Tuesday's fight for the mayorship, than they could have been in the hands of Mr. Hamer at the head of affairs. It is this conclusion they were right. Not that Mr. Hamer is not honest in his views but he had drawn about him a host of discordant and disgruntled followers whose chief desire was, not to better the condition of North Adams, but to get even with the last administration. Had Mr. Hamer been successful Tuesday, and then done his duty as mayor of North Adams, he would have found himself less popular at the close of 1898, than at its beginning. As it was, with all the influences Mr. Hamer had arrayed against him, he made a strong run, and one he need not be ashamed of.

COTTON MANUFACTURE'S TROUBLE.

The cut in cotton workers' wages at Fall River is anxiously watched in Berkshire. The product of Fall River's cotton mills competes with other mills over all New England, and low wages in one important manufacturing place necessitates low wages in other places. At Fall River the labor unions have proposed that production should be reduced

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Political Quiet Now Expected For Several Months.

City Campaign One of Unusual Bitterness. Men Who Make Politics a Business Were Happy—Bulfinch State House Will Be Completed When Legislature Assembles—Is Now a Fire-Proof Structure—No Horse Show This Year—Good Substitute Announced—Police After the Dressmakers For Violating Labor Laws, Personal and Dramatic.

Now that the election is over, the question of control of our municipal affairs for the next two years settled, we can look for a few months of comparative political quiet. Looking backward over the events of the last few weeks, we may well explain with the old lady who attended a political rally, "What fools men are." The only people who are sorry the election is a thing of the past are the political agitators and strikers who make a living out of the game, for municipal politics here must be so called. It requires a man with a venomous tongue, a ready flow of language and unbounded cheek to fill the bill as a city spellbinder, and we have several of that kind who at every opportunity appear to tell their betters how they should vote. Two things usually actuate these loud-mouthed orators, a desire to be revenged on somebody and a desire to secure as much of the coin of the realm as is possible. They will take the latter, if they cannot get the former; the more boodle the more noise.

To this class of political Hessians no man's reputation, integrity, home life or family circle is sacred and no scandal of other years (perhaps long ago disproved) too old to be warmed back to life and exploited. They make few votes for the cause or the candidate they champion, but have a baleful influence upon local politics, as they tend to keep conservative men from entering the lists. No decent, self-respecting citizen cares to be a target for their filth on the one hand nor to pay tribute to silence their tongues on the other. The election just passed brought to the front an unusual number of these politicians, and made the canvass one of the most bitter for years. Now that is over, we all stand ready to acknowledge the ability and worth of the leading candidates and feel thankful that neither of them is half as black as painted. The man who is to fill the mayor's chair will earn all the honor and salary he receives; his unsuccessful opponent can be happy to thank he is an ex-Mayor.

Attention will soon naturally turn from the city hall to the state house, where the legislature of 1898 will assemble. In this connection it is pleasing to notice that the work of preserving the Bulfinch state house will be completed far within the cost which was estimated by the so-called Greenhalge commission. By Jan. 1 the building will be practically complete, including even the steps in the front and most of the interior fitting and furnishing. It will be ready for occupancy when the general court convenes. The entire cost of preserving and improving the building, including commissions and all, will not exceed \$250,000, instead of the \$375,000 appropriated. This sum, small as it is, includes \$36,000 which was spent for work not originally contemplated and not necessary for the preservation of the building, like new stone steps, a granite terrace and a retaining wall.

Better perhaps than this, it appears that the work has been well done. The foundations have been made absolutely secure. The building has been reconstructed throughout in fire-proof material, with steel posts and beams and terra cotta floors and walls, with wire lathing and plastering. The old walls were found to be absolutely safe and secure, but they have even less to carry today than they formerly had, because the fire-proof terra cotta floors under all of the rooms and corridors are supported upon steel beams and upon steel posts which rest upon the foundations and carry all of their weight. The senate chamber and the representative chamber, with their beautiful architectural details and interior finish, have been preserved in their original beauty, and were merely supported while the fire-proof floors were put underneath them. In fact the building in its entirety has been made practically fire-proof and indestructible.

The incoming legislature which will assemble in this reconstructed building ought to be a working body, as it has no contests for official positions to settle before it gets down to business. Not a single place is in doubt and all the members have to do is to go through the form of organization and then move forward in the work of legislation. That there will be the usual amount of business presented goes without the saying, but little of great interest outside of legislation affecting the city of Boston is indicated as yet. Keep your eye on the fight for free transfers on the West End road at the coming session; it is likely to be a hot one. Free transfers will come some time, if not in 1898.

Society and some rich sports who own fancy stock will bemoan the fact that Boston is to have no horse show this year, but the ordinary plebeian will not weep till his eyes appear red and uncomely. The love of the horse is strong in the hearts of most of us, but when the noble animal is made to serve as an excuse for a swell display of costumes and to go through his paces to show off the clothes of some dude who happens to have been born with money enough to buy a blooded steed, we forget the quadruped in our disgust at the cheap show of the biped. I do not mean to say that all the men active in promoting the horse show were gifted with more money than brains, but there were a great many that were, and they seemed to control things, while men like John Shepherd and others took a back seat. We can survive the loss of the annual exhibition.

Those who miss the horse show, however, may find consolation that we are to have something really novel to take its place in the proposed show of the New England Sportsman's club, which is announced for the middle of March. It provides Mechanics' hall with a lake, on which ducking boats and canoes will float, with mountainous shores on which an Indian camp and hunters' cabins are planted, and to provide in other departments collections of native game birds and fishes, and exhibits illustrative of all out door sports and their resources, is to make an appeal to popular interest that must prove irresistible. Of course society will take the new idea to its receptive arms and cuddle it, but we expect that the true love of the rod and gun will be welcome and feel at home just the same.

The police have everything in this vicinity and the local force would hardly seem to need outside assistance in this direction, but they are getting it just now. We never have looked upon a dressmaker's shop as a factory or such an establishment as would come under the statute regulating the hours of labor for women and minors in manufacturing establishments, but the state factory inspectors take a different view of the matter and as a result the dressmakers have been in a flutter for some days. This is their busy season, and they are, as they put it, "rushed to death." During the dull season the hours of labor are short, but when the rush comes all hands frequently work until midnight.

This appears to be contrary to law and an active campaign was started against the violators. The strict investigation which is now under way was started by a letter, which was received at the office of the state factory inspectors. It complained of a certain fashionable dressmaker on Beacon street, stating that she was keeping her girls until midnight without even providing them with a mouthful of supper. The letter went on to state that one of the girls lived outside of the city, and was obliged to go for a considerable distance over a lonely road at that hour of the night, and that another girl who lived at the extreme north end of Hanover street was obliged to walk home at that late hour because she didn't have the necessary car fare. Chief Wade declares all this must stop, and fashionable wear are mourning because their costumes are not delivered on time by reason of the crusade. After all, why not apply the law to the dressmaker's shop as well as the cotton mill? It is but even-handed justice.

Now that the lease of the West End railway by the Elevated company has been approved it is reasonable to expect some active steps to secure rapid transit for Bostonians will be taken. The Elevated has money enough behind its enterprise to secure rapid progress and if the managers mean business we shall secure immediate results. They have it in their power to render their system both popular and profitable and were it not for the fact that real work has been so long delayed there would be a general feeling of satisfaction at the recent outcome. One of the questions you hear, however, just now, is "I wonder what the elevated will want the legislature to give them now?" The inquiry simply suggests the doubt as to the sincerity of the movers of the enterprise.

Christmas greetings to all our friends are again in order. In the words of good natured old Rip, "Here's to your health and your family's health, may you all live long and prosper."

The amusement loving public will hail with particular gratification the announcement that negotiations have been completed with Messrs. Weber and Field for the appearance in this city at one of the first-class theaters of Vesta Tilley, who, according to all accounts, rivals Anna Held in her popularity with the New York playing public. Miss Tilley comes to Boston some time in January next.

A spectacle that is most novel is to be presented at the Boston Museum, beginning Jan. 3, in the shape of a reproduction of the marvelous Russian Play, as given by the peasants of Horka, Australia, by means of moving pictures and the cinematograph. The pictures were taken under the personal supervision of Dr. W. W. Freeman, who went to Horka especially for that purpose.

"The Idol's Eye," a new comic opera by Harry D. Smith and Victor Herbert, with the ever popular Frank Daniels as the star, will be given its first Boston production at the Tremont theater Jan. 3. Besides Mr. Daniels the cast includes Maurice Darcey, Alf C. Whelan, Helen Redmond, Belle Bucklin and many others equally well known and popular.

The Castle Square theater management announces another convenience for its patrons. Arrangements have been made so that in case of a sudden rain or snow storm coming up during a performance, umbrellas may be borrowed at the cloak room free of charge.

One of the most forcible and emphatic hits that has been made in New York this season has been that of Andrew Mack at the Fourteenth Street theater. Mr. Mack will be seen at the Boston Museum early in the new year in "An Irish Gentleman."

A realistic "hold-up" of an express train, in which the car is blown open with dynamite and the safe robbed of its contents, is one of the startling events in "The Great Train Robbery," which will come to the Columbia New Year's week.

A carnival of pantomime is promised by the Boston theater management for the present in Handons' new "Suberba." Pantomime is a scarce article, and on account of its immensity, rarely visits smaller cities.

Keogh and Keogh will bring their massive scenic melodrama, "The Heart of the Klondike," with the original Star theater, New York, east, to the Columbia, week of Jan. 3.

During the week of Dec. 27, at the Bowdoin Square theater, there will be a colossal production of the great scenic melodrama, "Harbor Lights."

George Edwards' new version of the Japanese musical comedy, "The Geisha," is among the coming attractions at the Tremont theater.

That most thrilling and exciting drama, "Cumberland, 61," will be the attraction to follow "The Circus Girl" at the Boston Museum.

Among the announcements at the Tremont theater is the coming of "The Merry Men of the West" early in the new year.

Following Richard Mansfield at the Halls will be seen John Drew in "A Marriage of Convenience."

Carl Damann's famous troupe of acrobats are booked at Kelt's for the week of Dec. 27.

Rugs Will Move.

A certain man who owns a row of dwelling houses over in the northwest quarter of the town has learned wisdom by bitter experience. A friend of mine went to him not long ago to rent one of the houses. "Do you lease it by the month or by the year?" she inquired. "That depends on what you are going to have on your floors," answered the landlord. "Are you going to have carpets?" "No," answered my friend; "we have rugs." "You'll have to sign a year's lease then," the landlord made reply, smiling craftily. "If you bought carpets and had them fitted to the floors, I know you'd stay in the house as long as you could, but these rugs are too easily adjusted to any sized room. You'll have to sign a year's lease if you have rugs. There are seven houses in my row, and six of them haven't kept a tenant longer than two years at a time for the last five years. The seventh house—well, the people in it had carpets made and laid for it five years ago, and they haven't thought of moving. Carpets I'll rent by the month; rugs, a year's lease."

How Posh and Judy Came to England.

The heyday of the puppet show in England was during the last century. Long before then a strolling showman had exhibited "drolls" or "motions"—as the English puppets were known in the early days—to crowds of gaping rustics, but it was not until the time of Steele and Addison that the puppet show became a fashionable amusement, patronized by upper tendom.

Pucinella came to London in 1866, when an Italian puppet player set up his booth at Charing Cross and paid a small rental to the overseers of St. Martin's parish. His name was at once Englished into Punchinello, which was soon to be completely Anglicized as Punch.—Harper's Magazine.

A Contingent Name.

The Syracuse Post says that a girl baby was recently brought to a clergyman of the city to be baptized. The latter asked the name of the baby. "Dinah M.," the father responded. "But what does the 'M' stand for?" interrogated the minister. "Well, I do not know yet. It all depends upon how she turns out." "How she turns out? Why, I do not understand you," said the dominie. "Oh, if she turns out nice and sweet and handy about the house, like her mother, I shall call her Dinah May, but if she has a fiery temper and displays a bombshell disposition, like mine, I shall call her Dinah Might."

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North Adams people say so. Not a few, but hundreds among the people you see every day, your own friends and neighbors. Here are the words of one of them: Henry Armstrong, a well known North Adams man, who lives at 100 Ashland street, says: "I have been troubled with catarrh for a long time, suffering with severe headaches, so that I could not work, hawking, pitting, and often gagging, especially in the morning, which sometimes caused me to lose my breakfast. My throat troubled me a great deal and the odor from my breath was very bad. I have doctored and spent lots of money, but never found anything so effective as California Catarrh Cure, which I got at Burlingame & Darby's. It has helped me in every way. I now notice no unpleasant odor, and am able to retain my breakfast. It is a great medicine."

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If the Observer had taken notice of the crowds that thronged Tilton's store on Saturday afternoon and evening, he or she would have realized that Xmas shopping had begun in earnest and if they wished to purchase holiday articles—and get the best selection at Tilton's, no time was to be lost.

Tariff on Woollens

The tariff bill has passed and Woollens will be higher. Now is good time to lay in supplies. We have a full line of our very best of (Woolen) Suits, Trousers, and goods for all kinds of ladies' wear, for both summer and winter. Elegant things for Ladies' Bicycle suits, and Men's self and Bicycle wear. Prices still low, quality high.

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Too much stock, too little cold weather!

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TWO VERSATILE MEN.

TYPICAL FIGURES IN THE GREATER NEW YORK.

Thomas Hitchcock, Sr., the Matthew Marshall of the New York Sun—Hitchcock Smith, Writer, Artist, Speaker, Elocutionist and Contractor.

It has taken away such members of a truly remarkable group as Charles Butler, L.L.D., president of the corporation of the University of New York, whose decease occurred only the other day, and who remained a figure in metropolitan life until long after he was 90.

Matthew Marshall.

One of this latter class is the writer whose Monday letters on financial topics in the Sun are signed by the pen name Matthew Marshall.

Despite his other interests, which were large when he joined the company and have been growing steadily ever since, Mr. Hitchcock has borne an active part in the paper's conduct ever since the day he became connected with it.

How "Hop" Smith Works.

Mr. Hitchcock's versatility in combining the work of a writer on diverse topics with that of a shrewd business man is the wonder of his friends, but it may be said without disparagement to his ability that there is one man in New York who double discounts him in this direction.

That the latter in his case are by no means trifling may be understood from this list of some of the most important works he has achieved: Race Light House off New York, sea wall around Governor's Island, the harbor of New York, sea wall at Tompkinsville, N. Y., jetties at the mouth of the Connecticut river and foundations of the Statue of Liberty.

Mr. Smith is much like Commodore Gerry in one thing—he doesn't like to talk about pictures or literature at his business office or at his studio about building sea walls.

Here is the latest of an infant terrible who lords it over the home of a politician in this city, says the Toledo Blade: The minister came to the house the other day and the kid entertained him for a short time.

"I say, I'm awful 'fraid of the dark."

"You should not be," admonished the visitor, "for God takes care of you everywhere."

"I know it, and I say my prayers every night, but pop he don't have to, as he don't get home till 'most mornin'."

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The Sons of Veterans talk of organizing a basketball team.

—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Merritt of 10 Union street, December 19.

—Dr. P. W. McLaughlin of Clinton is visiting his brother, Dr. John J. F. McLaughlin, of this city.

—The Schubert Orchestral club appeared in new uniforms Tuesday evening furnished by Barnard & Co.

—A lecture will be delivered at Odd Fellows hall this evening by Rev. W. T. Whitaker, D. D., of Fitchburg.

—Berkshire Hills commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, will elect officers to-night for the ensuing six months.

—The Schubert Orchestral club will furnish music for a social and dance to be held by a company of young ladies in Pythian hall next Monday evening.

—The Miles Stock company gave an exceptionally fine performance of the "Unknown," at the Columbia last evening.

—Tonight "That Circus Girl" will be given.

—F. S. Smith of Park avenue, who has been very low for some time with pneumonia, is now considered practically out of danger, as his many friends will be glad to know.

—The Hoosier Falls, N. Y., Democrat states on the authority of Danforth Geer, one of the receivers, that the Wood Working Machine works in that town will soon start up for a long and busy season.

—F. J. Lyon is again confined to the house with an attack of rheumatism, which has proved so dreaded a complaint to him. His doctor advises that he must take a trip south, as he has done before.

—A. A. Shppee of Rowe has just made a deal for a valuable horse owned by Joseph Sibley. The horse is out of stock owned by Dr. F. D. Stafford of this city. It is expected this horse will be heard from as a trotter.

—Frank Goodrich of Chestnut street lost a valuable bound Wednesday night. The dog had been sick for several days and was found dead in the barn this morning. He was an excellent hunter and was highly prized by his owner.

—A Hebrew peddler came to grief Wednesday near Blackinton. His horse was frightened by the electric cars and horse, wagon and driver went into the ditch. The peddler was quite badly bruised, but gave his first attention to his battered tin ware.

—John C. Buckley, aged 20 years, died at the home of his father, William Buckley, on Marshall street. His death was caused by lung trouble with which he had suffered for some time. Besides his father the young man leaves a number of brothers and sisters to mourn his death.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Today, H. T. Cady and wife left the city today to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. De Vere H. Warner of Bridgeport, Conn.

C. C. Potter of New York arrived in town today to spend the holidays.

"Calmer's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

His Answer.

"Tell me, am I not fair?"

The speaker leans back in her seat and smiles coquettishly.

In truth the question seems superficial.

As she sits there with the afternoon sun transfiguring her glorious tresses into a stream of liquid gold, her eyes as blue as the heavens, faithfulness as the sea and dancing with excitement; her lips of coral wreathed with a roguish smile, she is indeed transcendently beautiful.

But the man seems blind to her loveliness. He regards her with a frowning brow and eyes that smolder with anger.

Timidly she repeats her question.

"Am I not fair?"

Her companion's face grows black as thunder.

"Fair!" he cries bitterly. "Fair, when you open a jack pot with a ten."

Rage chokes his utterance and with a passionate gesture he dashes the cards to the floor.—San Francisco Examiner.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

Excellent Programs Arranged by the Choirmasters for Next Sunday's Services.

At St. John's.

There will be two services at St. John's church on Christmas day. The first, at 7 a. m., will be a celebration of the holy communion. The next service will occur at 10.30 a. m., and will consist of morning prayer, sermon and holy communion. At this service the vested choir will sing the following excellent musical program:

Pro. Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Yonite in A flat, Van Laer

Te Deum in E flat, Schnoecker

Jubilate, Flitt Chant

Antiphon—"Sing, O Heavens," Tours

Kyrie Eleison, Tours

Gloria Tibi, Monk

Hymn—"Christus Awake," Yorkshire

Sermon—

Rev. J. C. Tebbette.

Offertory—"Bethlehem's Guiding Star," Marzo

Sanctus, Violin Obligato, Tuckerman

Agnus Dei, Anon

Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant

Nunc Dimittis, Turle

Reo. Hymn—"Angels From the Realm of Glory," Mendelssohn

Organ Postlude,

The choir numbers 31 voices with the following soloists: Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Albert Whitman, John Heywood, Jr., and E. Butterworth; Willis Smith, violinist; J. K. Smith, choirmaster and organist.

This program will be repeated Sunday morning and at the Sunday afternoon service held at 4 o'clock the music will consist of an anthem by the choir and a solo for soprano with violin obligato.

At St. Francis' Church.

Special preparations have been made by Prof. M. D. LeClair, organist at St. Francis' church for musical programs of unusual excellence for mass and vespers on Christmas day. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10.30 in the morning and the music will be as follows:

Kyrie, Millard's in G

Gloria, Millard

Credo, Millard

Offertory, Arranged by Novello

Adeste Fideles, Sanctus, Gounod

Agnus, Haydn

The vesper service will be held at 7.30 in the evening, and as usual at Christmas the music will be of a character to attract a large attendance from the music-loving people of the city. Especially notable will be the solos by Misses Mary and Nellie Condon, the Misses Duno, Kelly and Patterson, sopranos, Mrs. P. J. Malone, Miss Kelly and Miss Doyle, altos; C. H. Hyland and Frank Bossey, tenors; Dr. W. F. McGrath, P. H. Smith, P. J. Malone and James Jones, basses. The vespers to be sung are Stearn's vespers in B flat, a composition of exquisite harmony, with many solos and full choruses. Following this will be the sermon and the benediction, and during the latter the "Ave Verum" by Mercadante will be sung by a trio composed of Miss Mary Condon, Mrs. P. J. Malone and Dr. W. F. McGrath. The services will close with the "Tantum Ergo" by Goebe, containing soprano and tenor solos and a grand chorus. The music at both services will gain added beauty from harp solos by Miss McNulty of Boston.

At the Methodist Church.

The following program will be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday evening by the Organists' association and united choir:

Organ Prelude—Introduction, Lohengrin-Wagner

Doxology, Halsey

Invocation, Te Deum Laudamus, Halsey

Responsive Reading, Hymn—"Christians Awake," Prayer.

Quartet—"In the Days of Herod the King," Satter

Hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful," Solo with Violin Obligato—"Chimes of Christmas Morn," Dressler

Miss Kate Arnold, J. Marriott.

Address—

Rev. F. T. Brown.

Offertory, Lemmings

1. Chorus—The Shepherds.

2. Gloria in Excelsis.

3. Pastorate.

4. Adoration.

5. Grand Chorus—The Shepherds.

Quartet—"Hail Long Expected Jesus," Mendelssohn-Jackson

Antiphon—"Let Us Now Go Even to Bethlehem," Hatten

Hymn—"Joy to the World," Handel

Benediction, Worgan

Organ Postlude,

At the Congregational.

The music program below will be rendered at the Congregational church Sunday at the morning service. The Sunday school will hold special services at 4 o'clock.

Antiphon—"There Were Shepherds," Vincent

Quartet—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Gilechrist

Solo—"A Dream of Bethlehem," Rodney

Mrs. F. W. Streeter.

Violin and Cello Obligato.

Antiphon—"Shout the Glad Tidings," Hawley

At the Baptist Church.

Following is the program at the Baptist Church.

Incidental solos will be given by Miss Gertrude Heene, Miss Florence Canody and Clarence Reynolds.

Organ Prelude—Christmas, Buck

Doxology, Invocation, Responsive Reading, Gloria Patri, Scripture Lesson, Te Deum in A, Solo—"O Jerusalem, Look About Thee, Sermon, Hymn—"The Better Blessedness, Sermon, Rev. J. H. Spencer.

Offertory Anthem—"And There Were Shepherds," Buck

Offertory Prayer, Hymn, Organ Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus, Handel

At the Episcopal Church.

There will be two services at St. John's church on Christmas day. The first, at 7 a. m., will be a celebration of the holy communion. The next service will occur at 10.30 a. m., and will consist of morning prayer, sermon and holy communion. At this service the vested choir will sing the following excellent musical program:

Pro. Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Yonite in A flat, Van Laer

Te Deum in E flat, Schnoecker

Jubilate, Flitt Chant

Antiphon—"Sing, O Heavens," Tours

Kyrie Eleison, Tours

Gloria Tibi, Monk

Hymn—"Christus Awake," Yorkshire

Sermon—

Rev. J. C. Tebbette.

Offertory—"Bethlehem's Guiding Star," Marzo

Sanctus, Violin Obligato, Tuckerman

Agnus Dei, Anon

Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant

Nunc Dimittis, Turle

Reo. Hymn—"Angels From the Realm of Glory," Mendelssohn

Organ Postlude,

The choir numbers 31 voices with the following soloists: Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Albert Whitman, John Heywood, Jr., and E. Butterworth; Willis Smith, violinist; J. K. Smith, choirmaster and organist.

This program will be repeated Sunday morning and at the Sunday afternoon service held at 4 o'clock the music will consist of an anthem by the choir and a solo for soprano with violin obligato.

At St. Francis' Church.

Special preparations have been made by Prof. M. D. LeClair, organist at St. Francis' church for musical programs of unusual excellence for mass and vespers on Christmas day. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10.30 in the morning and the music will be as follows:

Kyrie, Millard's in G

Gloria, Millard

Credo, Millard

Offertory, Arranged by Novello

Adeste Fideles, Sanctus, Gounod

Agnus, Haydn

The vesper service will be held at 7.30 in the evening, and as usual at Christmas the music will be of a character to attract a large attendance from the music-loving people of the city. Especially notable will be the solos by Misses Mary and Nellie Condon, the Misses Duno, Kelly and Patterson, sopranos, Mrs. P. J. Malone, Miss Kelly and Miss Doyle, altos; C. H. Hyland and Frank Bossey, tenors; Dr. W. F. McGrath, P. H. Smith, P. J. Malone and James Jones, basses. The vespers to be sung are Stearn's vespers in B flat, a composition of exquisite harmony, with many solos and full choruses. Following this will be the sermon and the benediction, and during the latter the "Ave Verum" by Mercadante will be sung by a trio composed of Miss Mary Condon, Mrs. P. J. Malone and Dr. W. F. McGrath. The services will close with the "Tantum Ergo" by Goebe, containing soprano and tenor solos and a grand chorus. The music at both services will gain added beauty from harp solos by Miss McNulty of Boston.

At the Methodist Church.

The following program will be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday evening by the Organists' association and united choir:

Organ Prelude—Introduction, Lohengrin-Wagner

Doxology, Halsey

Invocation, Te Deum Laudamus, Halsey

Responsive Reading, Hymn—"Christians Awake," Prayer.

Quartet—"In the Days of Herod the King," Satter

Hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful," Solo with Violin Obligato—"Chimes of Christmas Morn," Dressler

Miss Kate Arnold, J. Marriott.

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Offertory, Lemmings

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2. Gloria in Excelsis.

3. Pastorate.

4. Adoration.

5. Grand Chorus—The Shepherds.

Quartet—"Hail Long Expected Jesus," Mendelssohn-Jackson

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Hymn—"Joy to the World," Handel

Benediction, Worgan

Organ Postlude,

At the Congregational.

The music program below will be rendered at the Congregational church Sunday at the morning service. The Sunday school will hold special services at 4 o'clock.

Antiphon—"There Were Shepherds," Vincent

Quartet—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Gilechrist

Solo—"A Dream of Bethlehem," Rodney

Mrs. F. W. Streeter.

Violin and Cello Obligato.

Antiphon—"Shout the Glad Tidings," Hawley

At the Baptist Church.

Following is the program at the Baptist Church.

Endorse the Enterprise.

The Organists' association has secured almost 75 signatures to the paper guaranteeing the expense of the Gaillmant organ recital. The enterprise in bringing the great organist to the city is being endorsed by all prominent citizens who have a liking for good music. The association will continue to circulate the paper and hopes to reach far beyond the 100 mark.

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The Union Sunday school will have a Christmas tree in the sewing room of the Blackinton mill Friday evening.

Mrs. Leander Strall is visiting friends at Cohoes and Schaghticoke, N. Y.

William Mahoney was called to Mechanicsville, N. Y., this morning owing to the serious illness of Master Willie Sullivan, who is very ill with appendicitis.

William J. Mackey, the ball player, is in receipt of some very flattering offers for the coming season. Mr. Mackey will no doubt be famed with one of the Atlantic League teams.

While Mr. Lapan, the Williamstown butcher, was serving some of his customers here Wednesday morning he received a very severe cut on the back of his left hand that required the services of Dr. Galvin, and incapacitated him from further work.

W. A. Hopkins is in receipt of a very handsome souvenir from Mr. Herbert Clark of Boston, who had charge of the excursion that Mr. Hopkins accompanied to the Holy Land in the summer of '96. The souvenir contains pressed flowers picked in the Holy Land by one of a party who made the trip the last summer.

A certain young man from North Adams whose given name is "Tom" and "Boyd" was to become a member of a certain organization in the above city, was in town Wednesday acting in a strange manner and asking some very peculiar questions. After attracting the attention of many of our townspeople the last evening of him he was arrayed in a pair of overalls, striped sweater, mustache and goatee, seated at the piano of a popular young lady in town singing "Just tell them that you saw me." They not only saw him but heard him. The above young man ought to make a good member of any organization after undergoing such a trying ordeal.

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Local News!

READSBORO ITEMS.

Suits for \$11,000 Against the H. T. & W. R. R.

Three suits, growing out of the accident on the Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington railroad near Readsboro, on March 31, have been entered at the county clerk's office in Windham county. They are brought by Emory P. Wheeler of Washington (state), Bertha Wheeler and Frank A. Childs of Wilmington against the railroad, and are to recover sums aggregating \$11,000, for alleged injuries received in the accident, when the car in which they were riding was dragged from the track and was overturned. Mr. Wheeler asks for \$5,000 for injuries to his head and shoulders and to his right lung and for straining the ligaments of his arm. Bertha Wheeler's claim is for \$3,000. She alleges that she was internally injured in the chest and abdomen, resulting in hemorrhages of the lungs and stomach. Her shoulders were also lamed and she was otherwise bruised and injured. Mr. Childs' suit is also for \$3,000, for injuries to his shoulder and the upper part of his body, and for a cut upon his leg. The attorneys for the plaintiffs are Carpenter & Parker of North Adams, Mass., and O. E. Butterfield of Wilmington. Eleven persons were injured in the accident, which at the time was said to be due to a defect in the roadbed.

Bemis vs. Brown.

The case of G. M. Bemis against C. G. Brown, which was tried at the county court at Bennington last week, came to an abrupt end Friday. The plaintiff had finished his side of the case and before the defendant had put in any evidence the judge ordered the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. Exceptions were taken and the case will go to the supreme court. This was an unlooked for ending of the case, but the verdict meets with general approbation.

—Glass, a magazine published in New York, contained the following recently relative to a former Readsboro resident "Joel Houghton, who was the oldest living Mason, died in Milwaukee, Wis., November 21st, at the age of 97 years. His body was taken to Ogdensburg, N. Y. for burial. Mr. Houghton was born in Wendell, Mass., October 3, 1800, and joined the Masonic order when he was 21 years old. Fifty years ago he moved to Ogdensburg and established himself in the crockery business. Later he became an extensive wholesaler and importer, and for many years he had one of the largest stores in the East."

—The annual report of the village officers has been placed in the hands of the taxpayers. The debt of the village has increased \$71.73 the past year, but no special village tax was raised the showing is quite satisfactory.

—Miss May Grover and sister from Syracuse, N. Y., are spending Christmas at W. E. Robinson's.

—Mrs. D. B. Wheeler and son, Winifred, spent last week with relatives in Jacksonville.

—Miss Eva Harris has finished work at A. P. Bishop's.

—Charles Lafleur has opened a barber shop at his residence.

—Will F. Perry and wife of Burlington have visited in town this week.

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—The Magazine club held their annual meeting at Frank Crotier's Thursday evening of last week, and re-elected the old board of officers.

—Christmas exercises including trees, will be held at the Methodist church Friday evening and at Odd Fellows' hall Saturday evening. A good entertainment will be provided for at each place. The city band will furnish music at the hall Saturday evening.

—Bills are out for a New Year's dance at Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening, December 31. Music will be furnished by Brown's band.

WHITINGHAM.

Quite a party of young people spent last Wednesday evening very pleasantly at James Pike's.

There will be a donation for the benefit of Rev. H. B. Buffum at the Baptist church Thursday night.

C. S. Goodnow, who has been making a three weeks' sojourn in New York state, returned home Monday with his bride. Four children by a former marriage accompanied Mrs. Goodnow to her future home. Congratulations are in order.

Walter Wright entertained a party of his young schoolmates at his home Saturday afternoon, the occasion being his tenth birthday.

There will be a Christmas tree for the children at the Baptist church Friday night.

There will be no more Sunday services at the hall during the winter.

Dr. Stafford of North Adams was in town Thursday to see Mrs. Wellman Reed.

Mrs. Moses Streeter is quite low again.

Mrs. C. S. Chase and children have gone to Boston to spend the holidays.

A. L. Howard has quite a display of Christmas goods in his store this week.

George Upton, a former resident of this place, who died at his home in Wilmington last Saturday, was brought here for burial Tuesday.

BENNINGTON.

Mrs. Charles Ballard is very low and it is thought cannot survive long.

Main street is now in a very passable condition since the laying of the electric road as the company have smoothed things off very nicely.

Dr. Seymour of Troy performed an operation upon Dr. L. B. Newton of the North Village last week for the removal of gall stones and the latter is now in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Seth Dunn of Lilac avenue, mother of Charles Dunn, is very ill.

William C. Bull has been appointed assessor in the insolvency case of G. Byron Sibley's and has qualified for the same. An inventory of the store is being prepared.

Miss Alice Kelley of Lansingburgh, N. Y., is visiting friends here.

Sheriff Wilson took James Bridgman to the house of correction at Rutland for jail breaking where the latter will be employed by the state for about three months.

State Attorney Bates, who has been quite ill, is able to attend to court duties.

We noticed the genial Tyler Goodell of the Goodell house, Readsboro, winding his way down from the mountains. He has been in attendance of court here.

The foundation to the new depot is progressing quite rapidly and should the weather permit it will soon begin to rise skyward.

A new steam engine is being put in the Hamilton mill and it is expected that other improvements will be made soon.

Mrs. Frank Bradford is in attendance upon Mrs. William H. Shaw who is quite ill.

HARTWELLVILLE.

The Ladies' Aid society will have a Christmas tree at the church on Friday evening. There will be speaking, etc., by the scholars of the school. A good time is anticipated.

Mrs. Henry Huskiss is on the sick list as is Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. May Smith.

Mrs. Edward Leray and Miss Carrie Reid went to North Adams last Saturday and stayed until Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Fuller was quite sick Sunday night but is better at this time.

D. R. Ayers has moved into the house vacated by Mrs. Mary Smith.

Rev. William R. Stocking of Williams-town stopped at Ed. Leray's Tuesday night. He is looking after the interests of the North Adams Transcendental. He will be here Christmas eve and take part in the exercises at the church, and will tell some of his experience in Persia and Armenia.

DAVIS BRIDGE.

Ephraim Wheeler is on the sick list. He is a man 81 years old and fears are entertained that he may not recover.

The weekly party was held last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Pike, about 30 of their friends enjoying their hospitality for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. Tower of Warren, Mass., gave some very fine selections on the violin and organ. N. A. Bickford and Mrs. T. E. Davis also furnished music assisted by Lena Pike and F. Rockwell Davis on the cornet. At a late hour the party broke up all feeling that when they wanted to have an enjoyable evening again they would be sure to call on Mr. and Mrs. Pike.

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Now, for a quickly prepared mixture, boil a small quantity of vinegar; then stir together four table-spoonfuls of mustard, half a teaspoonful of sugar, a salt-spoonful of salt and a table-spoonful of melted butter; mix well and moisten with the boiled vinegar.

To prepare French mustard mix together thoroughly three table-spoonfuls of mustard and one table-spoonful of granulated sugar; then beat in an egg until it is smooth; add one table-spoonful of vinegar, drop by drop, working it all smooth; then set it on the stove in a granite-ware pan and cook three minutes, stirring all the time; when cool add one table-spoonful of the best olive oil, using great care to put it in drop by drop and getting it worked in perfectly smooth. I am sure you will find this exceptionally good.

Now, I want to give you a rule for kitchen pepper, which is a fine mixture of spices for general seasoning for soups, meats, etc. Mix one ounce of ground ginger, half an ounce each of black pepper, ground cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice, one table-spoonful of ground cloves and six ounces of salt. Put in bottles and keep tightly corked.

I wonder if you know that ginger is now cultivated in the West Indies although it is a native of Asia. The stem grows about four feet high, and there are two varieties, the white and the black, the former being much the better.

Cinnamon grows about thirty feet high, is a native of Ceylon. The part used for spice is the inner bark.

Cloves come from the Molucca islands and are the blossoms of the tree, gathered before unfolding.

From South American comes the allspice, a berry from the bayberry tree, which combines the flavor of several spices.

Nutmeg also comes from the Molucca islands, and is the kernel of a pear-shaped fruit that grows on the tree. The soft red bark which surrounds the kernel is dried and comes to us under the name of mace.

You may think it unnecessary for me to tell you about these spices, but I think it is of interest to know about the things in daily use, where they come from, how they are prepared and the like.

Yours culinarily,
COMFORT JONES,
Doctor of Cookery.

POTTED FOWL.

Take the remains of a cold roast fowl, cut meat from the bones, rejecting all gristle and skin. Allow to every pound of meat one-fourth of a pound of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Place in a mortar and reduce to a paste. Press into moulds and set on ice to chill. This will keep a month. If melted butter is poured over it and the jars covered. When ready to serve, dip the mould in hot water and turn on to a plate. Garnish with aspic jelly and slices of lemon.

FORK CAKE.

Two eggs, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of molasses, one cup of chopped raisins, one cup of currants, one cup of chopped dried pork, all kinds of spices, half a cup of water, one table-spoonful of soda, two table-spoonfuls of cream tartar, three cups of flour. The pork should be cut in slices about three-quarters of an inch thick, so as to be well cooked without being fried too much, and some of the pork fat can be added to the mixture if desired.

M. M. J.

SPANISH SAUCE.

Melt three table-spoonfuls of butter, add two table-spoonfuls of chopped onion, one table-spoonful of carrot, one table-spoonful of celery, one bay leaf, one sprig of parsley, two cloves, one-half table-spoonful of salt, one table-spoonful of pepper. Cook ten minutes, then add two table-spoonfuls of flour, brown, and pour on slowly one pint of stock. Simmer ten minutes. Strain and serve. This sauce is delicious whenever a brown sauce is wanted.

IMPERIAL CAKE.

One pound of flour, half a pound of butter, three-quarters of a pound of sugar, four eggs, half a pound of currants, half a table-spoonful of baking powder. Mix the sugar and shortening in a cream, add the wetting, then sift the flour and baking powder into it. Beat well heat gem-irons hot, grease, fill nearly full and bake in hot oven twenty minutes. An egg is used sometimes, in which case use but three table-spoonfuls of baking powder.

QUICK MUFFINS.
(Mrs. Owens)

Three cups of flour before sifting, one cup of water one and one-half cups of sweet milk, three level table-spoonfuls of salt, two table-spoonfuls of sugar, four table-spoonfuls of baking powder. Mix the sugar and shortening in a cream, add the wetting, then sift the flour and baking powder into it. Beat well heat gem-irons hot, grease, fill nearly full and bake in hot oven twenty minutes. An egg is used sometimes, in which case use but three table-spoonfuls of baking powder.

CHEESE SONNETS.

One quart of a pound of cheese grated, two table-spoonfuls of flour, a small piece of butter, two eggs, half a table-spoonful of salt, pepper and salt to taste. Mix well together and put in a saucepan over the fire for five minutes, stirring all the time. Drop a table-spoonful of the mixture into patty pans and set them in a steamer to set, then take out and allow them to cool; cover with egg and bread crumbs and fry in boiling fat. Serve only hot.

BAKED APPLES.

Baked apples have an excellent effect upon the whole system, feeding the brain as well as adding to the flesh, and making the blood pure. Baked fruit is a very pleasant addition to a dish of oatmeal, whether it be apples or pears. Much more nourishment is obtained from baked fruit than from fruit which is served in pies and puddings.

CREAM CAKE.

Mix two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of milk, three cups of flour, half a table-spoonful of carbonate of soda, one table-spoonful of cream of tartar and the whites of four eggs. Bake this in layers and before serving spread with curds and whey. When the curd is quite thick, strain off the whey through a cloth. Salt to taste and make it into little balls or press it solid in some dish. This is a very delicious cheese and it is a very sensible way of using up the surplus milk.

RYE MUFFINS.

Take one cup of rye flour, one-fourth of a cup of sugar, one-half table-spoonful of salt, two table-spoonfuls of baking powder and one cup of white flour. Sift all together in mixing bowl. Beat one egg well, add one cup of milk and beat together all the ingredients. Bake from twenty to thirty minutes in muffin rings or gem pans.

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To prepare French mustard mix together thoroughly three table-spoonfuls of mustard and one table-spoonful of granulated sugar; then beat in an egg until it is smooth; add one table-spoonful of vinegar, drop by drop, working it all smooth; then set it on the stove in a granite-ware pan and cook three minutes, stirring all the time; when cool add one table-spoonful of the best olive oil, using great care to put it in drop by drop and getting it worked in perfectly smooth. I am sure you will find this exceptionally good.

Now, I want to give you a rule for kitchen pepper, which is a fine mixture of spices for general seasoning for soups, meats, etc. Mix one ounce of ground ginger, half an ounce each of black pepper, ground cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice, one table-spoonful of ground cloves and six ounces of salt. Put in bottles and keep tightly corked.

I wonder if you know that ginger is now cultivated in the West Indies although it is a native of Asia. The stem grows about four feet high, and there are two varieties, the white and the black, the former being much the better.

Cinnamon grows about thirty feet high, is a native of Ceylon. The part used for spice is the inner bark.

Cloves come from the Molucca islands and are the blossoms of the tree, gathered before unfolding.

From South American comes the allspice, a berry from the bayberry tree, which combines the flavor of several spices.

Nutmeg also comes from the Molucca islands, and is the kernel of a pear-shaped fruit that grows on the tree. The soft red bark which surrounds the kernel is dried and comes to us under the name of mace.

You may think it unnecessary for me to tell you about these spices, but I think it is of interest to know about the things in daily use, where they come from, how they are prepared and the like.

Yours culinarily,
COMFORT JONES,
Doctor of Cookery.

POTTED FOWL.

Take the remains of a cold roast fowl, cut meat from the bones, rejecting all gristle and skin. Allow to every pound of meat one-fourth of a pound of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Place in a mortar and reduce to a paste. Press into moulds and set on ice to chill. This will keep a month. If melted butter is poured over it and the jars covered. When ready to serve, dip the mould in hot water and turn on to a plate. Garnish with aspic jelly and slices of lemon.

FORK CAKE.

Two eggs, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of molasses, one cup of chopped raisins, one cup of currants, one cup of chopped dried pork, all kinds of spices, half a cup of water, one table-spoonful of soda, two table-spoonfuls of cream tartar, three cups of flour. The pork should be cut in slices about three-quarters of an inch thick, so as to be well cooked without being fried too much, and some of the pork fat can be added to the mixture if desired.

M. M. J.

SPANISH SAUCE.

Melt three table-spoonfuls of butter, add two table-spoonfuls of chopped onion, one table-spoonful of carrot, one table-spoonful of celery, one bay leaf, one sprig of parsley, two cloves, one-half table-spoonful of salt, one table-spoonful of pepper. Cook ten minutes, then add two table-spoonfuls of flour, brown, and pour on slowly one pint of stock. Simmer ten minutes. Strain and serve. This sauce is delicious whenever a brown sauce is wanted.

IMPERIAL CAKE.

One pound of flour, half a pound of butter, three-quarters of a pound of sugar, four eggs, half a pound of currants, half a table-spoonful of baking powder. Mix the sugar and shortening in a cream, add the wetting, then sift the flour and baking powder into it. Beat well heat gem-irons hot, grease, fill nearly full and bake in hot oven twenty minutes. An egg is used sometimes, in which case use but three table-spoonfuls of baking powder.

QUICK MUFFINS.
(Mrs. Owens)

Three cups of flour before sifting, one cup of water one and one-half cups of sweet milk, three level table-spoonfuls of salt, two table-spoonfuls of sugar, four table-spoonfuls of baking powder. Mix the sugar and shortening in a cream, add the wetting, then sift the flour and baking powder into it. Beat well heat gem-irons hot, grease, fill nearly full and bake in hot oven twenty minutes. An egg is used sometimes, in which case use but three table-spoonfuls of baking powder.

CHEESE SONNETS.

One quart of a pound of cheese grated, two table-spoonfuls of flour, a small piece of butter, two eggs, half a table-spoonful of salt, pepper and salt to taste. Mix well together and put in a saucepan over the fire for five minutes, stirring all the time. Drop a table-spoonful of the mixture into patty pans and set them in a steamer to set, then take out and allow them to cool; cover with egg and bread crumbs and fry in boiling fat. Serve only hot.

BAKED APPLES.

Baked apples have an excellent effect upon the whole system, feeding the brain as well as adding to the flesh, and making the blood pure. Baked fruit is a very pleasant addition to a dish of oatmeal, whether it be apples or pears. Much more nourishment is obtained from baked fruit than from fruit which is served in pies and puddings.

CREAM CAKE.

Mix two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of milk, three cups of flour, half a table-spoonful of carbonate of soda, one table-spoonful of cream of tartar and the whites of four eggs. Bake this in layers and before serving spread with curds and whey. When the curd is quite thick, strain off the whey through a cloth. Salt to taste and make it into little balls or press it solid in some dish. This is a very delicious cheese and it is a very sensible way of using up the surplus milk.

RYE MUFFINS.

Take one cup of rye flour, one-fourth of a cup of sugar, one-half table-spoonful of salt, two table-spoonfuls of baking powder and one cup of white flour. Sift all together in mixing bowl. Beat one egg well, add one cup of milk and beat together all the ingredients. Bake from twenty to thirty minutes in muffin rings or gem pans.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 24 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty. By order of
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Adams National Bank of North Adams.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Adams National bank will be held at their banking house in North Adams, on
Tuesday, the 11th day of January, next, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the following purposes, to-wit:
First, to choose directors for the ensuing year.
Second, to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. S. WILKINSON, Cashier.
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 10, 1897.

As we journey through LIFE, let us stop by the WAY.

Are you anticipating a trip to spend the Holidays with your friends or relatives? If, not why not purchase a useful present. You will find a large assortment of

LEATHER GOODS.

Consisting of
Travelling Bags,
Dress Suit Cases
Music Rolls,
Ladies' Belts, &c. &c.

Just the thing for a Holiday Present. Give me a call.

F. J. BARBER,
Manufacturer,
19 CHESTNUT STREET.

North Adams Employment Bureau.

I have established a first-class employment bureau at Room 7, Kimball Block, Main street, where I shall be able to supply domestic help. I shall use my best efforts to secure a satisfactory class of help and will relieve patrons of all trouble in hiring.

J. A. GEORGE, Prop.,
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Where you can get a good square meal served in good style at all times of the day or night. Shelled oysters and clams served in any style. We keep open until 12 p. m. Our restaurant is just been renovated and everything put in first-class order.

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16 State Street.

Good Homes and Splendid Investments

Among the bargains I have for sale I would call particular attention to the following:
A two-story house and 1-4 acre of land on Rich view avenue.
8 new houses on Ashland street, one a two-tenement.
Good lots on Ashland and Davenport streets, no grading or filling.
Good lots on desirable investments in other parts of the city.

E. J. CARY,
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President, A. C. Houghton, Treasurer, V. A. Whitaker; Vice-Presidents, William Burton, G. L. Rice, W. H. Gailley; Trustees, A. C. Houghton, William Burton, G. L. Rice, W. A. Gailley, V. A. Whitaker, H. T. Gailley, C. H. Cutting, V. A. Whitaker, W. H. Gailley, W. H. Sperry, Arthur Robinson, N. J. Millard, A. C. Houghton.

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South Boston, Mass.

YOU WILL BE SPARED

many household trials by engaging a good plumber, a plumber that may be depended upon to do good work and use only best materials. Whenever it is possible we give our personal supervision to any work that we are called upon to do. In any case you will be satisfied in every way. We guarantee our work as we want your patronage not only now but in the future.

Steam and Hot water house heating, Tin Roofing, Gas Fixtures, Globes, Rubber Hose, etc.

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Every well-regulated household should have on hand for emergencies a quantity of—

Pure Unadulterated Whisky.

There is so much adulteration in these goods that only safe way is to buy from a reliable dealer. We have goods that are absolutely pure and which cannot be excelled for quality, smoothness and age.

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A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS



HER REMARKABLE FEAT.

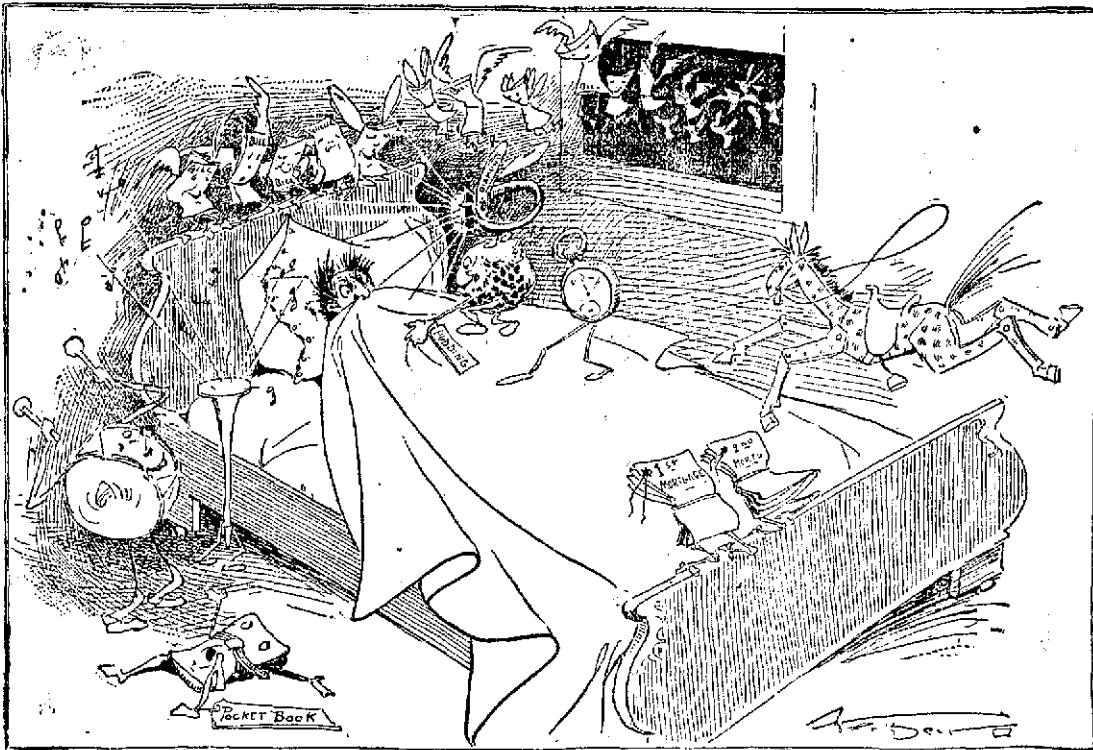
The soubrette got her stocking full
On Christmas eve, and smiled to
view it.
Her heart was thrilled to see it
filled,
But how she had to pad to do it!
—New York Journal.

AT THE CHRISTMAS BALL.
She—I hear you advised our host-
ess not to hang up any mistletoe.
He—But how did I know you
would be here?—New York Truth.

COLOR BLIND.

The room was dark and dim;
I entered unaware.
I saw a figure trim
Standing upon a chair
Under the chandelier.
Under the mistletoe,
I whispered, "Edith, dear,"
And—well, the rest you know.
That is, you think you do.
But wait until you hear.
'Twas a dusky maid named Chlo'.
Dusting the chandelier.
—Town Topics.

A CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHTMARE.



LOVE'S STRATAGEM.

I held a sprig of mistletoe
About her dainty head
And stooped and kissed her rose-
bud lips.
"All's fair in love," I said.
She blushed and murmured in my
ear
With a shy, reluctant air,
"You need not hold that sprig so
high;
I've got one in my hair."
—Yellow Book.

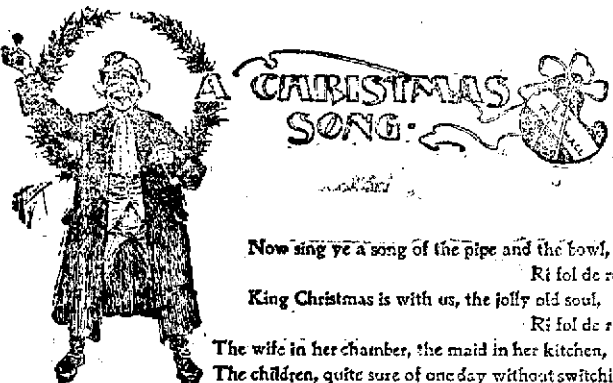
WHERE THEY ARE NOW.

Some people live but in the past
And seem to find existence pleas-
ant;
Some live but for the future vast,
But now most hearts are in the
present.
—Town Topics.
AND THEN—PRESENTS GALORE.
Quizzer—What! You didn't fight
for the custody of the children?
De Broke—Certainly not! Christ-
mas is too near.—New York Journal.

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

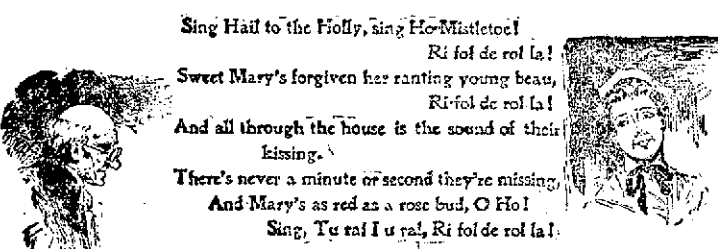


"WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN A SWELLED HEAD, ANYHOW."



A CHRISTMAS SONG.

Now sing ye a song of the pipe and the bowl,
King Christmas is with us, the jolly old soul,
The wife in her chamber, the maid in her kitchen,
The children, quite sure of one day without switchin',
And grandfather, too, with his rosy old poll,
Sing, Tu ra! I u ra! Ri fol de rol la!



Sing Hail to the Holly, sing Hail to the Mistletoe!
Sweet Mary's forgiven her ranting young beau,
And all through the house is the sound of their
kissing.
There's never a minute or second they're missing,
And Mary's as red as a rose bud, O Ho!
Sing, Tu ra! I u ra! Ri fol de rol la!

—Yellow Book.

UNBELIEF.
Though churches rear their steeples
tall
O'er all our bright and happy
land
And every hamlet boasts itself
Of mission or of praying band,
Yet season after season sees
Rank skepticism wider spread
Among our youth, who ought to be
To faith and firm believing bred.
Of doubt we'll sadly reap because
More kids are old enough to hear
The truth about their Santa Claus.
—Detroit News.

PAINLESS THEN.
Algy—Do you want to please me?
Nanette—Yes, love.
Algy—Then give your father some
elbowdown footwear for a Christmas
gift.—New York Journal.

FILLED THE BILL.
"Write me a New Year's ode,"
Said the man in the Christmas
stifle:
"For of all the Christmases gone
by,
With all their bills, I'm certain I
Never owed so much in my life."
—Atlanta Constitution.

A CHRISTMAS EPISODE.
Tom—Marie jumped six feet when
I told her she was standing under
the mistletoe.
Jack—Then you didn't kiss her?
Tom—Oh, yes. She jumped in my
direction.—Brooklyn Life.

Van Ishe—Did you hang up your
stocking?
Ten Broke—No, my dress suit, and
I only got \$5 on it.—New York Jour-
nal.

A PROMENADE.

When snow has covered walk and
street,
I like to walk with Polly;
She holds her skirts above her feet
In manner truly jolly.

And if it's Christmas morn, ho, ho!
Of course it's very shocking—
I guess I'm pretty sure to know
What she's got in her stocking.
—Town Topics.

LONG AND SHORT OF IT.
She—Deary, how I long for a seal-
skin sack for a Christmas gift this
winter!
He—And how short I am this win-
ter, duddy.—Chicago Record.

INTRODUCTION DECLINED.
Mr. Struckie (at the Christmas
tree party)—Mr. Doolin, allow me
to present my wife to you.
Mr. Doolin (with haughtier born
of many drinks)—Excuse me, sir,
but I never accept Christmas gifts
from strangers, sor.—New York
Journal.

HIS ONLY CHANCE.



Mr. Horsetaker (who has just been
tarred and feathered)—There's only
one chance for me in the next town,
an that is that I'll be taken for
Santa Claus!—New York Journal.

PERFECTLY NATURAL.
She—Men are fond of kissing
than women.
He—Naturally. See the difference
in the object to be kissed.—New
York Journal.

THOSE SLIPPERS.

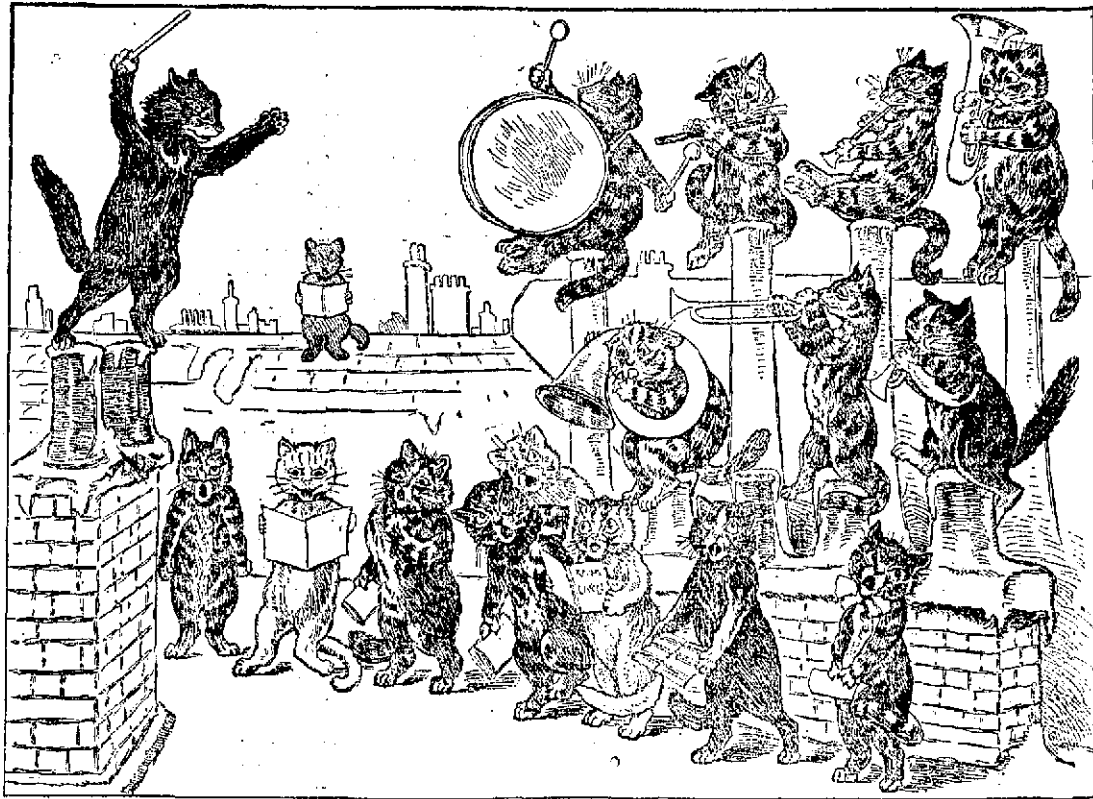
'Tis now that hubby finds, alack,
His stockings are most hole-y,
Because his wife at other work
Is now employed sole-ly.

She measures, knits and bites at
thread,
Using her teeth as nippers.
Because her pastor sure must get
His pair of Christmas slippers.
—Baltimore World.

XMAS PREPARATION.
Tommy—Ain't you goin to hang
up yer stockin fer Christmas?
Robbie—Naw. But I'm goin to go
to six dif'rent Sunday schools.
—Town Topics.

HE IS RIGHT UP TO DATE.
"Up to date!" said Santa Claus.
"Well, rather!"
He rang up his polar stables.
"Hello! Hello!" he shouted. "Run
out that new reindeerless motor
sleigh, Olaf. The children are wait-
ing. Up to date! Just watch me
while I mope!"—New York Journal.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.



REFLECTION OF A BACHELOR.
The good people that think it is
wicked to let their children believe
in a Santa Claus are probably the
same ones that tell them if they eat
the crabs they will make their hair
curl.—New York Press.

HARDER WORK.
Quizzer—What are you going to
do when the football season's over?
Half Back—Act as guide in a de-
partment store during the Christ-
mas rush.—San Francisco Exami-
ner.

COULDN'T GIVE THEM AWAY.
"It would be dreadful to banish
Santa Claus and have no Christmas."
"Yes, wouldn't it? What would
we do with all the ugly, cheap pres-
ents we got last year?"—Chicago
Record.

AUNTY'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

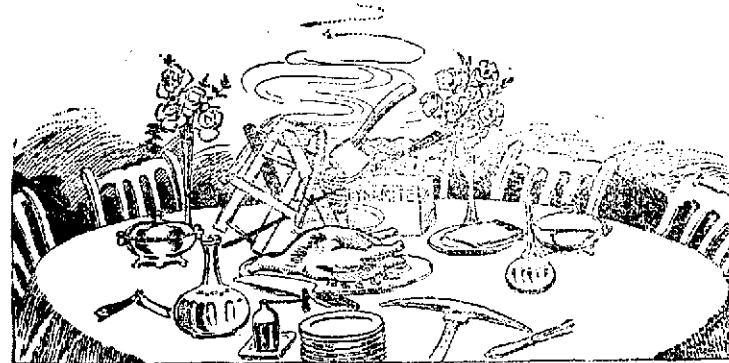


"MERRY CHRISTMAS, AUNTY! HERE'S YOUR PRESENT."



"WOW! MURDER! POLICE! OH—H—H—H!"
—Pleasant Matter.

CHRISTMAS TABLE ETIQUETTE.



How a boarding house table should be set for its Christmas dinner.
—New York Journal.

TWO CHRISTMAS POETS.
A Christmas poet in the Memphis
Scimitar sings in this original fash-
ion:
"Thinkin' 'bout the celery white;
Thinkin' 'bout the gravy
An the 'taters mashed so light,
Plufflike an wavy!"
The above is matched, however,
by a rural singer of Georgia, who
says:
"Maybe there are friends that hate
us,
But the world will blossom
If at Christmas we've potatoes
Round a Georgia possum!"

PREPARATION.
Dyer—What were you doing in
that pawnshop?
Duell—Getting ready for Christ-
mas.—Town Topics.

FLAT.
There's the fatness of the pancake,
As you all have doubtless heard.
There's the fatness of poor Cholly's
Conversations—very word.
There's the fatness of the larger,
Which we eat and all deride,
But there's naught can touch the
fatness
Of the purse of Christmaside.
—James Barrett Clark in Brooklyn
Life.

NEVER WOULD BE MISSED.
"If mistletoe went out of use,"
I said, "how you would miss us!"
With a pushy eye
She made reply
In accents low:
"Oh, I don't know;
You'd find some other good excuse
To call on us an I kiss us!"

THE TOPSY TURVY TROUPE DO A CHRISTMAS TURN.



TIP THEM UPSIDE DOWN AND SEE WHAT IT IS.

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- Plaid Waists, lined all through,
\$1.98
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\$3.50
Mackintoshes, double texture, with check linings, double detachable capes and velvet collar, colors blue and black,
\$2.50

Mackintoshes, silk lined,
\$6.00
Ladies' Capes, at half price,
Silk-lined Ladies' Jackets
\$8.50 & \$10.00
Were \$13.00 to \$20.00.
Martin Boas,
\$5.00
Thibet Boas,
\$4.00

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29 EAGLE STREET, NORTH ADAMS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. W. Lloyd late of Florida in the County of Berkshire, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.
E. E. L. YD, Administrator.
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 13th, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Berk Co ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Edwin R. Atwood late of North Adams, in said County of Berkshire, deceased, intestate. Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to George Blausman of said North Adams, or to some other suitable person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Adams, in said County of Berkshire, on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.
Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.
FRED R. SHAW, Register.

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We have sold one large stock of Sleds this season but we have received more and we will sell you

A Beauty Girls' Sled for \$1.25; or a Boy's Pointer Sled for \$1.00.

We have them at all prices from

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just what will suit the boys and girls

A Handsome Calendar with \$2.00 worth of Coupons presented to every lady customer this week.

Burlingame & Darbys.

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THIS WEEK FRIDAY, December 24.

Xmas Candy, 10c lb, 3 for 25c.
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- A tenement. Inquire at office of P. J. Ashe. 125 ft
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- 1-room tenement, Potter pl., \$15 per month. 125 ft
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- A 7-room tenement, 50 Liberty st. 125 ft
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- quire S. J. Ellis. 125 ft
- Two new 6-room flats, all modern improve- 125 ft
- ments. Apply P. E. Pike, 40 East Quincy st. 125 ft
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- keeping, or for lodgings. Inquire at this 125 ft
- office. 125 ft
- Rooms furnished or unfurnished. Bath con- 125 ft
- nected and all modern conveniences. In- 125 ft
- quire Hall st. 125 ft
- Furnished rooms for gentlemen, with privi- 125 ft
- lege of bath. Miss Mulqueen, 10 Center st. 125 ft
- Furnished room, suitable for two gentlemen. 176 ft
- Union st. 176 ft

WANTED.

- I have a good selection of help at the North Adams Employment Bureau, room 7, Kim- 125 ft
- bell block, Main street: 1 first-class cook, 1 125 ft
- hotel chambermaid, 2 girls for care of chil- 125 ft
- dren, general housework girl, a second girl, a 125 ft
- colored man, 17 years, at once, 1 clerk 125 ft
- for provisions or groceries, used to delivery 125 ft
- wagon.
- 2 or 3 unfurnished rooms. Address H. A. Har- 125 ft
- vey, City. 125 ft

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- A lady's gold brooch, on Monday evening. Re- 125 ft
- ward if same is left at 53½ Braintree ave. 125 ft

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- Irish setter puppies, "bred in the purple" from 2776-125
- genuine hunting stock. Prices reasonable, 2776-125
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- A 25-acre farm. Inquire of C. H. Prindle 2776-125
- Williamstown, Mass.

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Millinery Goods

at less than cost. A few bargains in trimmed hats for misses and chil- 2776-125

dren, very pretty, \$1.50 and \$1.75 2776-125

each.

M. F. & J. L. BEST,
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RETURNED TO SEE HIS WIFE

Boinay Discusses His Life and His Ex- 2776-125

periences After the Daniels Farm Tragedy. How They Evaded the Officers. Deeply Touched.

"Why did you come home?" murderer Boinay was asked in his cell.
In reply he took from his vest pocket a picture of his wife and handed it to the reporters. It is a part of the photograph which was taken on the day of their mar- 2776-125

riage. That part containing his features is cut away. On the picture Boinay has written several lines. In the top he wrote, "Marble face, marble heart." Just below he has written, "Fair but false."
"I loved my wife and that is what brought me home."
"Do you forgive your wife?"
"Yes, I forgive her freely. You know that we must forgive here on earth if we ever expect to be forgiven."
"Do you think she was forced to do what she did?"
"Yes, I know so. There were many things in the trial which did not come out, I knew after the interview of Sep- 2776-125

tember 15 that my wife was playing me false. She told me that she had talked with Detective Arnold and Mr. Fessenden. At first I thought that she was doing all this to help me out, but I found out other- 2776-125

wise to my sorrow. When I talked with her on September 15, she told me that she had had a talk with Mr. Fessenden and that he had promised to let 'Dave' plead guilty to murder in the second degree. I know the officers worked on her and tried to make her believe that John and Dave would hang. You know how Arnold went to me, well he went at her the same way. They told her that there was no hope for me and that settled it. She thought she would try to save Dave and John. What I was figuring on all the time was to make a play to get John out of it.

"From first to last I wanted to take the blame for all; I did not want to throw it on the family."

Boinay said his father was born in Switzerland near the French line. His mother was born in Limerick, Ireland. He was one of a family of twelve children: ten boys and two girls. Three of his brothers are dead.

He related some of his experiences while roaming around the country road after the Daniels Farms crime. There were several occasions in which he and Weeks had very narrow escapes from capture. Once while at Richmond he was recognized by a little girl. The alarm was sounded and the whole town turned out to capture them. They ran into a swamp and worked their way through it in eight minutes. Their pursuers sur- 2776-125

rounded the swamp, thinking they were in hiding, when they were on their way to New York.

They had a somewhat similar experi- 2776-125

ence in New York while in Dutchess county. They met a man disguised as a tramp, but Boinay recognized him as Cap- 2776-125

tain Furlough of the Peekskill police. The supposed tramp slipped away from them and aroused the neighborhood, but they escaped by getting a boatman to row them across the Hudson river.

Boinay seemed to enjoy telling of these experiences with the officers. He spoke with utmost contempt of the Pinkerton men, saying that they were all fools.
He said he did not commit the murder in this city on August 6, last, when Henry T. Reed and his sister, Blanche, were killed. He also denied committing the robbery at Sheffield, Mass., in November, 1896. He and Weeks were suspected of both these crimes, because the description of the supposed criminals tallied very much with that of the two men. He said he would admit having done these crimes if he was guilty of them, as he had no reason for concealing anything now.

He denied positively that he was con- 2776-125

cerned in the murder of the old Switch- 2776-125

man, Dykeman, in Dutchess county, New York, on Easter Sunday, 1895. He said he and his brother Peter were charged with that, but there was not the slightest truth to the charge. It arose out of a statement made by Andy Colball, a chum of his, who got mad at him and made the charge. He said he could prove he was in Lee on the day that murder was com- 2776-125

mitted. His brother was not concerned in it, either.

"Many crimes have been charged against me," said Boinay, "that I had no more to do with than you."

In bidding goodbye Boinay shook hands with the reporters, and for the first time showed strong feeling. In a voice some- 2776-125

what husky, and with just the suspicion of moisture in his eyes he said:
"You have seen me before the public. You know how I had to act in front of them, but no one knows what I felt here," and as he said this he tapped his breast and almost broke down.

Waiting Room Wanted.

A petition is being circulation by resi- 2776-125

dents of Greylock asking that the city 2776-125

give permission to the Hoosac Valley 2776-125

street railroad to erect a waiting room at Greylock on city property. A petition was recently circulated asking for a wait- 2776-125

ing room and when the company took steps to accommodate its patrons from Greylock it found that no piece of property could be obtained unless at exorbitant prices.

Say It Is False.

A reporter of this paper interviewed 2776-125

Lawyer S. P. Thayer and Lawyer Mark E. Ouch as to the correctness of Harry Hamer's version of the conversation that took place when Mr. Hamer was pre- 2776-125

sented with the petition bearing his signature, which he denied having placed there. Both gentlemen declare that Mr. Hamer's statement of what was said is false, and that he has again perverted the truth to give himself some relief from the very tangled web in which he is wound up.

GREYLOCK PARK.

A Preliminary Meeting Held By the Board of Trade Committee.

The committee appointed recently by the board of trade to bring to the atten- 2776-125

tion of the legislature the desirability of establishing a state park on the Greylock group of mountains, for the preservation of the forests and consequently of the water supply, held a preliminary meeting Wednesday in the board of trade rooms. The matter was talked over at some length and plans for carrying the movement through were discussed. Every member of the committee is en- 2776-125

thusiastic in the cause and earnest and thorough work will be done. The people not only of North Adams and Adams, but of Berkshire county, are united in support of the movement and the committee will be heartily supported in its efforts toward the preservation of one of the most beautiful natural attractions in the commonwealth. The committee is com- 2776-125

posed of C. Q. Richmond, George B. Ferry, W. H. Chase and Representative F. S. Richardson and John E. Magenis.

PITTSFIELD INQUEST HELD.

Judge's Decision Withheld in the Green Suicide Case.

Judge Tucker held an inquest in the district court Wednesday on the death of William Green, who evidently committed suicide in the Hopkins barn on Linden street in that city last week. Druggists Fahey and Wilkins testified that Green had tried to buy some acetate at their stores, but was refused. A few days after Wilkins found some acetate to an un- 2776-125

known man, presumably a friend of Green's, Frank Noyes, who found the body, testified as to the circumstances of finding Green dead in the hay-mow. Mrs. Lucy Rogers, who was named as the bene- 2776-125

ficiary in his life insurance policy, testified that she had been a friend to Green for some time, and he had told her of his in- 2776-125

surance and asked her to receive it in case of his death. Nothing new was devel- 2776-125

oped. The judge's decision was withheld.

Thomas J. Ryan.

After an illness of five weeks duration Thomas J. Ryan died Wednesday after- 2776-125

noon at 5 o'clock at his home on Franklin street, aged 43 years.

Mr. Ryan was born in Ireland and came to this country with his parents when he was a child. He had lived in this city since he was nine years old. Years ago he worked in the Windsor Print works. He learned the plumbers' trade when a young man and for the last few years, un- 2776-125

til recently, he had been in the employ of the Lucey Plumbing and Heating com- 2776-125

pany. When he was taken sick he was working in Sullivan's grocery store on Eagle street.

Mr. Ryan was a member of a family of 19 children, 17 of whom grew to maturity. There are 13 brothers and sisters now liv- 2776-125

ing, one of them being Lordlord Joseph Ryan of the Mansion house. The parents, Peter and Bridget Ryan, died in this city a few years ago. Mr. Ryan leaves a widow and eight children who have the sympathy of many friends in their sad loss. He was a member of Court North Adams, Foresters of America, and was highly esteemed by his associates in that order and by all who knew him.

The funeral will be attended from St. Francis' church Friday morning.

Trading Stamp Scheme.

The Pittsfield merchants who were in the recent trading stamp scheme are quite interested in the decisions in the eastern part of the state bearing on the plan, and most of them are anxious to try it again if it is declared legal. The ap- 2776-125

pealed case that was tried in Pittsfield will probably be settled at the January term of the civil court. The company's store still remains open, and the manager declares they will not give up the fight till an adverse decision from the highest court is rendered.

Burglaries There Too.

Pittsfield has an epidemic of an unusu- 2776-125

ally large number of tramps and desper- 2776-125

ate characters, and several petty burglar- 2776-125

ies are reported. The storehouse of the telephone company on McKay street was ransacked the other night and several lockers broken into.

Foresters Meeting.

A special meeting of North Adams court, No. 100, Foresters of America, will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to take action regarding the death of Thomas G. Ryan. A full attendance is requested.

The People's Choice.

The people of North Adams and vicin- 2776-125

ity have chosen the Central Fruit Store at 81 Main street, as the place to get the finest of goods and square dealing. Flor- 2776-125

ida, Jamaica and Navel Sweet Oranges, Bananas, Pears, Malaga Grapes, Lemons, new Dates and Figs and Nuts of all kinds. Our line of confectionery for Christmas is complete. Money refunded if goods are not satisfactory. F. SUTTY, Prop.

M. DUCHARME'S

Barber Shop, Bank Street,

Will be open till 11 o'clock Friday night to accommodate his patrons, but will be closed at noon Saturday, Christmas Day.

Jos. Haddad is exhibiting a rare collec- 2776-125

tion of Turkish rugs and fancy oriental 2776-125

works from the East at 20 Eagle street. Please call and examine stock as he only will remain a few days.

A Special Christmas Dinner.

For those who can't wait until Christ- 2776-125

mas for their Christmas dinner, Hosford & Co., will serve a special dinner Friday night. All the dishes that custom attrib- 2776-125

utes to a good Christmas will be repre- 2776-125

sented on the card, and Messrs. Hosford & Co., say that all in all it will be a close match for the regular Christmas dinner the next day.

THE LAST MEETING

The Council of 1897 Had Its Last Business Ses- 2776-125

sion Wednesday Night.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CIGARS

Election Returns Acted Upon. The Mrs. Cesana Claim Disposed of. Hospital Matter Goes Over to the Next Council. Further Time in the Milk Ordinance.

An adjourned meeting of the city coun- 2776-125

cil, and probably the last meeting of the year, was held Wednesday evening. President Braeewell was in the chair. The members were dilatory in arriving and it was quite late before a quorum was pres- 2776-125

ent. The clerk had to telephone John A. Rice and invite him down before the quorum was complete.

The reading of the journal was dis- 2776-125

pensened with and the second reading of the order giving the New England Telephone and Telegraph company privilege to set poles on several streets came up. The clerk read the order and on motion of E. S. Wilkinson, seconded by William Arm- 2776-125

strong, the order was passed.

The consideration of the election re- 2776-125

turns was the next business. On motion of George B. Perry, seconded by Mr. Arm- 2776-125

strong, Councilmen Crowswell, Rice and Brown were chosen a committee to exam- 2776-125

ine the returns. On a subsequent motion by Mr. Perry, A. A. Willis was added to the committee.

The committee examined the returns and Chairman Crowswell reported to the council. The report simply said that the returns were duly examined and named the candidates elected. Every member present signed the report and then the president formally declared the candi- 2776-125

dates elected and that licenses are granted in the city of North Adams.

Mr. Wilkinson reported from the fi- 2776-125

nance committee on the petition of George Sanborn for damages on North street. The committee found that the street grade had been lowered some feet below the level of the sidewalk between Veszie and William streets and recom- 2776-125

mended that the grade of the sidewalk be lowered to conform with the street and that a retaining wall be built between the two streets named. Mr. Wilkinson explained that the street had been cut during the term of offices of the board of public works and that Mr. Sanborn had asked that something be done to remedy the defect caused by the street level being left so far below the sidewalk level. He said the finance committee had called on Mr. Sanborn and had asked if he had any suggestions to make, but he had none. It was the opinion of Mr. Wilkinson that if the recommendations were followed the suit would be dropped.

Mr. Wilkinson reported on the claim of Mrs. Cesana for reimbursement of taxes, that the error of the assessors on which the claim was based occurred in 1897. It was found that on the year previous the petitioner was assessed for three pieces of property and that the next year two of these pieces were made one and a new valuation assessed. But through error the third piece, then contained in one of the others, was carried on the tax books as before and the owner assessed, thus being assessed twice for the same piece. The committee found that Mrs. Cesana asked for \$52.10, a sum equal to the extra tax paid on the piece of property in question and also of the tax on the im- 2776-125

provements. The committee thought it unfair to refund the tax on the improve- 2776-125

ments and thought it fair to only refund the tax on the land erroneously assessed. This amounted to \$23.75, which the com- 2776-125

mittee considered equitable.

Later in the evening Mr. Wilkinson moved that the city treasurer be ordered to pay Mrs. Cesana \$23.75 as settlement of her claim and the order was voted.

Mr. Whitaker reported for the com- 2776-125

mittee on ordinances concerning the ordinance introduced for a hospital for patients suffering from contagious diseases and for the regulation of the producing and sale of milk. The com- 2776-125

mittee thought the matter of a hospital for patients suffering from contagious diseases was an important one and one needing careful in- 2776-125

vestigation. It therefore recommended that the matter be referred to the next council and that the president of the next council appoint a committee of three to talk over the matter under con- 2776-125

sideration. This was voted.

Concerning the milk ordinance the committee on ordinances reported through Mr. Whitaker that the com- 2776-125

mittee had held a public hearing on it and that through an error in the adver- 2776-125

tisement for the public hearing it was thought advisable to hold another public session consequently another hearing was set for Friday night of this week and the committee asked for some time to report so that this hearing could be held and asked that the committee or any member of it be empowered to report to the next council. The request of the committee, was granted.

Mr. Armstrong introduced an order that the officers elected be notified of their election and the order was passed. There being no further business the council adjourned and President Brae- 2776-125

well produced a box of cigars.

Made It Permanent.

The nucleus of the "opposition" that supported Mr. Hamer in the campaign past met on election night and resolved to organize into a permanent organiza- 2776-125

tion. One who has been identified from first to last with the Hamer cause said to-day that the object would be to carry on an "opposition" and to "even up" with several Republicans who might be expected to be candidates next fall.

Camille.

Monday evening Eugene Blair will be seen at Columbia opera house in a grand production of Dumas' "Camille." Miss Blair has for the past two years been the leading lady of the Robert Downing com- 2776-125

pany.

WE ARE ELECTED !

To Give the Greatest Value for Spot Cash Ever Offered by any House In Western Massachusetts.

Think of It! For 2 Hours Tomorrow, Between 3 and 5 P M We Will Sell AT ACTUAL COST!

All Kinds of Grain, Hay, Feed, Meal, Flour, and Bran.

We will not deliver goods at these prices. We will be glad to let you take away all you can pay for, and you will have to pay for all you get. Friday afternoon, December 24. A Christmas Present with every purchase at our new mill on Furnace Street.

Old Glory will fly from our two Flag Poles when the SALE IS ON.

THE SYKES, HODGE & ARNOLD CO.

LEADERS IN THE GRAIN AND COAL BUSINESS.

OPINIONS From Good Sources About TRADING STAMPS

The following, which appeared in The Brockton Daily Enterprise on November 19, in the ad. of Manning Bros. & Co., hits some solid facts in the matter which has so excited a few North Adams Merchants:—

"Hon. Thomas B. Reed, David Hill and J. H. Choate have been asked their opinion of Trading Stamps, and they say they are all right and legal as any other business.

Do You Prefer Trading Stamps to Money?

"What are trading stamps but money? You simply exchange money for dry goods, groceries and the necessities of life, and you exchange trading stamps for lamps, furniture, silverware, sewing machines and other useful articles in the house. You spend your money where you can buy your dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes at the lowest cash prices and get trading stamps, which represent that the firm you trade with is willing to share with his customers part of his profits."

TRADERS' SUPPLY CO.

5 Eagle Street.

The lady in attendance will always welcome you, and gladly show you the advantage you derive by buying your goods of merchants who give trading stamp.

Up-to-Date

We are far ahead of any previous holiday business, and we are going to make this the banner year. We have the stock at prices to please the people. Let us show you our **Diamonds.** Perhaps you don't know how cheap we are selling them. No trouble to show goods. Engraving free.

HIGLEY,

Leader in Low Prices for Reliable Goods.

Many Beautiful Presents

Have been sent out of our store during the past week. But we have enough for all. Our Fancy Rocking Chairs in solid mahogany, plain or cobbler seat, are selling very fast.

The children are leaving orders for Santa Claus every day. They saw those doll carriages, shoo flies, galloping horses, sleds, rocking chairs and jumpers are just what they need.

A few more of those Jardiniers left. Have you seen them? You cannot find them any- 2776-125

where in the city to compare with ours in style and price. Our mahogany-finished rocker, with upholstered seat and back, for \$3.98, beats them all.

If you want PICTURES you will find them here—an endless variety to select from.

J. H. CODY,

Furniture and Undertaking. 22 to 30 Eagle Street.

Agent for Acorn Stoves and Ranges.